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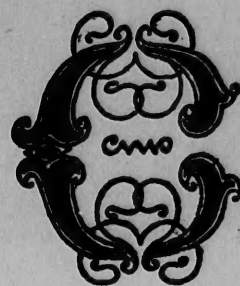
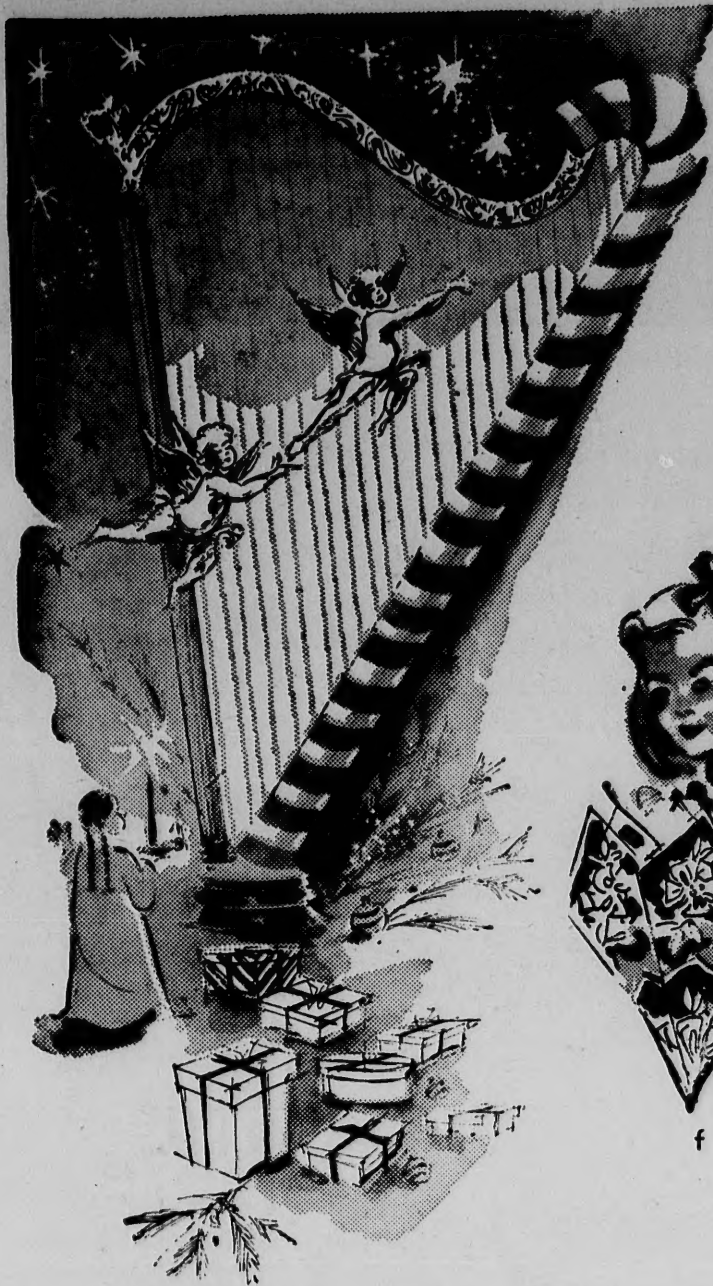
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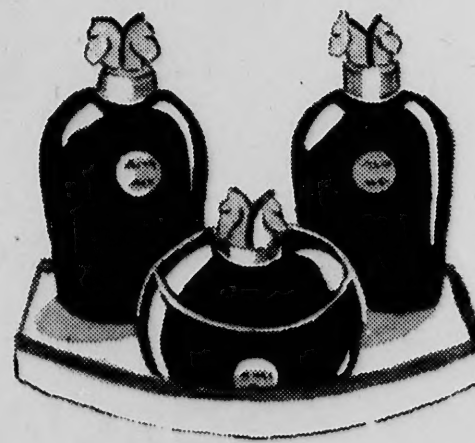
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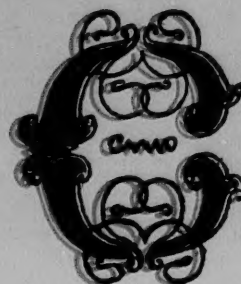
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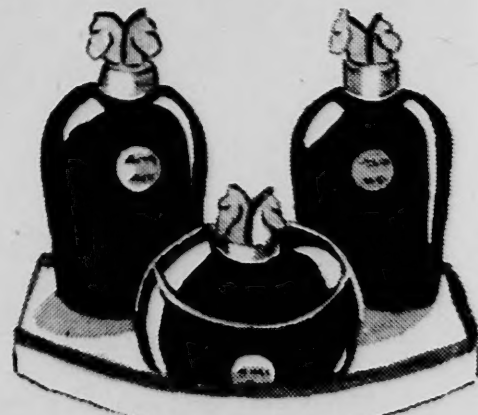
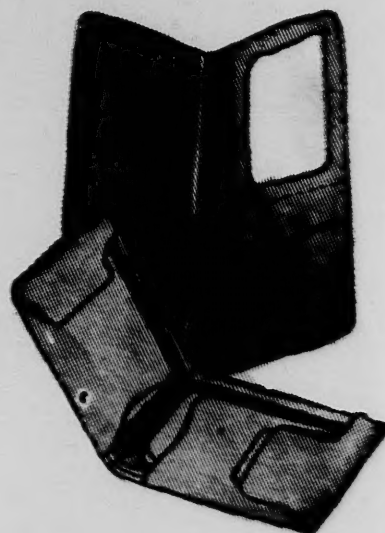
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Handel's Messiah To Be Presented By Local Male Choir, Choral Society

As part of a full Christmas season, on Sunday, December 14, at 8:00 p. m. the Andover Male Choir and the Andover Choral Society will present "The Messiah" in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy, under the direction of J. Everett Collins, assisted by the Boston Orchestral group.

Raymond Wilkinson will be at the organ, and soloists include: Marguerite Willauer, soprano; Clara Taylor, alto; and Edgar Randle, tenor.

The program for the concert follows:

PART ONE

Overture

Grave, Allegro, Moderato

Recitative for tenor

Comfort ye my people

Aria for tenor

Every valley shall be exalted

Chorus

And the glory of the Lord

Recitative for alto

Behold, a virgin shall conceive

Aria for alto and chorus

O thou that tellest

good tidings to Zion

Chorus

For unto us a child is born

Pastoral Symphony

Recitative for soprano

There were shepherds

abiding in the field

Recitative for soprano

And Lo! the angel of the

Lord came upon them

Recitative for soprano

And the angel said unto them

Recitative for soprano

And suddenly there was

with the angel

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest

Aria for soprano

Rejoice greatly,

O daughter of Zion!

Recitative for alto

Then the eyes of the blind

shall be opened

Aria for alto and soprano

He shall feed His flock—

Come unto Him

Chorus

His yoke is easy, and

His burthen is light

Offertory

PART TWO

Chorus Behold the Lamb of God

Aria for alto

He was despised and

rejected of men

Chorus

Surely He hath borne our griefs

Chorus

All we like sheep have

gone astray

Recitative for tenor

Thy rebuke hath broken

His heart

Recitative for tenor

Behold! and see if there

be any sorrow

Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates

Recitative for tenor

He that dwelleth in Heaven

Aria for tenor

Thou shalt break them

Hallelujah

Chorus

Aria for soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth

Chorus Worthy is the Lamb

that was slain

The chorus is as follows:

Sopranos — Edith Ambye, Patricia Black, Polly Black, Evelyn

M. Bunker, Ann Campbell, Jacqueline M. Caron, Jessie Castle,

Thelma W. Christie, F. Irene Collins, Lenore Collins, Dorothy Corn-

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Blanche E. Knowles, Janis Krall, Ethel Macdonald, Barbara Nicoll,

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forth, Myra Stone, Hazel R. Stopford, Audrey Tompkins, Jackie

Webster, Marjorie A. Weeks, Edna Woodhead, Pauline Zambino.

Altos — Hope E. Alexander, Betty Allen, Alice E. Barcroft,

Gertrude Bicknell, Ann Birdsall, Agnes W. Burdett, Etta Chadwick,

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Johanna M. Piehler, Alice Riley, Emma Rourke, Frances L. San-

born, Farion L. Sewell, Hazel Alexander Scobie, Doris A. Shaw,

Emma Stevens, Mary C. Torrey, Jacqueline T. Verrette, Hilda

Weeks, Anna White, Carolyn White, Marion E. Wood.

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Guild Basketball League Schedule In Full Swing

The Intermediate Basketball League of the Andover Guild is now playing on Wednesday nights at the Guild, with games starting at 7:30. The schedule for the first half of the season is as follows:

Monday, November 17, Red vs. Orange, and Green vs. Maroons; Wednesday, December 3, Orange vs. Greens, and Maroons vs. Reds; Wednesday, December 10, Maroons vs. Orange, and Reds vs. Greens; Wednesday, December 17, Maroons vs. Greens, and Orange vs. Reds; Wednesday, December 24, Reds vs. Maroons, and Greens vs. Orange; Wednesday, December 31, Reds vs. Greens, and Orange vs. Maroons.

The score sheet for games played Wednesday evening, December 3, shows the Maroons and the Orange the victors. Scores follow:

Orange				
	G	F	Pts	
Middleton, rf	6	0	12	
Garrager, rf	0	0	0	
Ross, lf	4	0	8	
Connors, c	3	0	6	
Watson, rg	5	0	10	
Brennan, lg	0	0	0	
Totals	18	0	36	

Greens				
	G	F	Pts	
McKee, rf	3	0	6	
Stack, lf	2	1	5	
McLeish, c	1	1	3	
Dubois, rg	5	2	12	
Cheney, lg	1	1	2	
Totals	12	5	29	

Referee, Bisset; timer, Snyder; scorer, Brennan; Time, four 8's.

Maroons				
	G	F	Pts	
Winters, rf	7	0	14	
Northam, lf	4	2	10	
Denoncourt, c	1	0	2	
MacNamara, rg	0	0	0	
Viveiney, rg	3	0	6	
Fairburn, lg	4	0	8	
Vannet, lg	0	0	0	
Totals	19	2	40	

Reds				
	G	F	Pts	
Chetson, rf	6	3	15	
Fredrickson, lf	0	0	0	
Graves, lf	3	0	6	
Morgan, c	3	1	7	
Brennan, rg	2	1	5	
Hannon, lg	0	1	1	
Totals	14	6	34	

Referee, Snyder; timer, Bisset; scorer, Bisset; Time, four 8's.

The teams are made up of the following boys:

Reds — Captain John Craig, Alan Chetson, Robert Hall, Jack Morgan, Fred Cole, Jerry Davey, Tim Brennan, Phil Gaudet, John Hannon, Louis Mirisola.

Orange — Captain Bruce Noble, John Ross, Richard Kydd, Michael Muise, Sidney Watson, Thomas Middleton, Bill Ruel, Francis Brennan, Phil Dole, Herbert DeVaux.

Greens — Captain Cliff Dubois, Thomas McLeish, Bob Deyermont, Charles Souter, Bill Stewart, Bill McKee, Joe Stack, Richard Cheney, Ken Tomlinson, Leo Bernard.

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Caroling Commuters To Start Activities

A number of local people will be raising their voices in song as well as others stopping to listen, with the advent on next Thursday, December 18, of the customary Yuletide season caroling in the North station of the Boston and Maine railroad.

The original caroling commuters, who 9 years ago inaugurated the now widely-adopted custom of singing Christmas carols in railroad terminals, will again this year pause in their after-work home-

ward trek to conduct a week of caroling sessions.

Commencing on Thursday, December 18th and continuing each week-day night up to and including Christmas eve the Boston and Maine's commuters will sing their carols in the North Station concourse from 5:10 to 5:50 p. m. each evening. The caroling will be recorded and at 11:15 p. m. each night will be broadcast over Station WEEI.

The pre-Christmas activities at the North Station this year will open at 8 a. m., December 18, when Jean Wilkins will start a series of

programs of Christmas organ music to be played in the station concourse each week-day morning from 8 to 9:30 a. m. The caroling commuters will gather in the evening to be led by Tom Russell as master of ceremonies, with Gloria Carroll as soloist and Uncle Elmer and his Pleasantville Choir also participating in the singing sessions.

The caroling by commuters was first introduced by the B and M's regular customers in 1939 and similar session are now regular pre-Christmas features in many other railroad stations in various parts of the country.

Town Hall Activities

Liquor License Renewals for 1948

Renewals of liquor licenses were approved by the board of Selectmen at their meeting on Monday evening, December 8, after hearing procedures.

Applications from the following were heard and approved by the board: Ellsworth H. Lewis and Foster C. Barnard; Andover Cordial Shop, Driscoll's Package Store, Shawsheen Market, George C. Cheyne, Robert E. Franz, Fred Yunggebauer, James J. Sullivan, Andover Lunch, Town Grill, Howard D. Johnson Co., "Walter's, Inc.", Fred's Lunch, Louis J. and Helen M. Scanlon, Alexander and Alice Wallace.

Approval on applications from the Shawsheen Manor and the Central Cafe on Post Office avenue were held up, pending further investigation by the board of selectmen, acting as the licensing authorities.

Marriage Intention

John L. Brick, 39 Tewksbury street, and Irene M. D'Ambroiso, Dale street, have filed a marriage intention at the office of the town Clerk.

Assistant Assessors Appointed

Assistant assessors were appointed by the board as follows: Precinct 1, Leonard Elliott; Precinct 2, Louise Manock; Precinct 3, Edith Kitchen; Precinct 4, May Noyes; Precinct 5, Ernest Hall; Precinct 6, Margaret McFarlin.

Seek Coasting On County Road

A delegation of eight residents of the Carter's Corner section appeared before the Selectmen's meeting to request that County road be set off for coasting between 4:00 and 8:00 o'clock on school days and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. John Gaudet acted as spokesman for the group. Also present were Mrs. Gaudet, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Perry, Mrs. Jennie Hadema, John Leacock, Mrs. Theodore Gallant and Ernest Gallant. The Selectmen took the matter under advisement and plan to view the premises Wednesday morning before rendering a decision.

Mrs. Roger W. Higgins, 21 Phillips street, is chairman of the committee in charge of the Christmas program which the International Institute in Lawrence will present on Sunday afternoon, December 14, for friends and members.

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Obit

MRS. ANN

The funeral of Mrs. Ann (Barker) Lord, who died at her home, 230 p. m. on Monday, December 8, after hearing procedures.

Mrs. Lord was born in England, of the Lawrence family, and was a member of the Central Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Lord of Newbury, Miss Mary Lord, brother, Ed, and several

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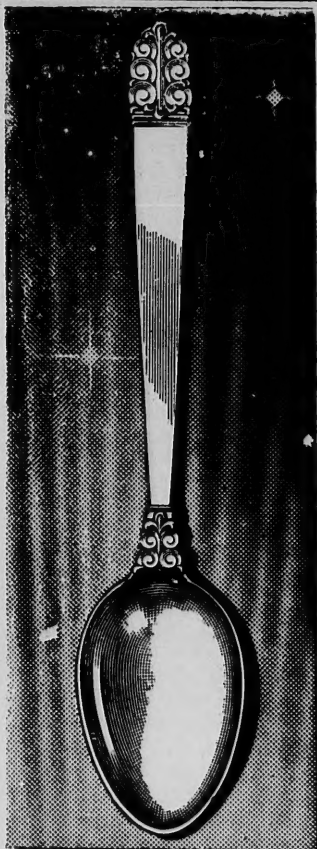
The funeral of Mrs. Annie (Barker) Lord, widow of John T. Lord, who died Tuesday, will be held from her home, 74 Poor street. Friday with services at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. Gilbert W. Wieting, Th.D., pastor of Central Methodist church of Lawrence. Burial will be in West Parish cemetery.

Mrs. Lord was a native of Bradford, England. She was a member of the Lawrence Woman's club, and was active in the affairs of Central Methodist church in Lawrence.

Surviving are a son, Richard N. Lord of New York City; a sister, Miss Mary Barker of Lawrence; a brother, Edgar Barker of Lowell; and several nieces and nephews.

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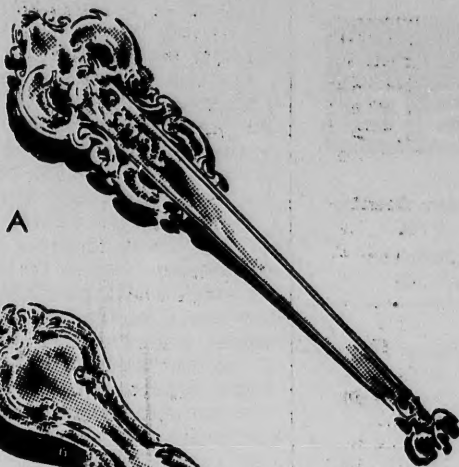
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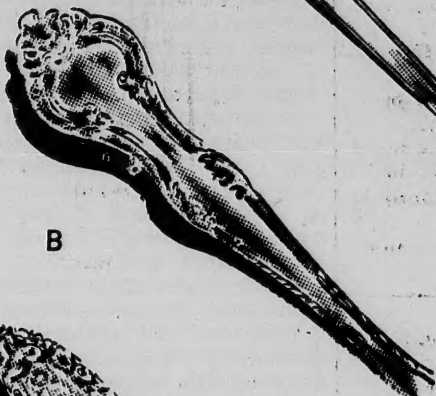


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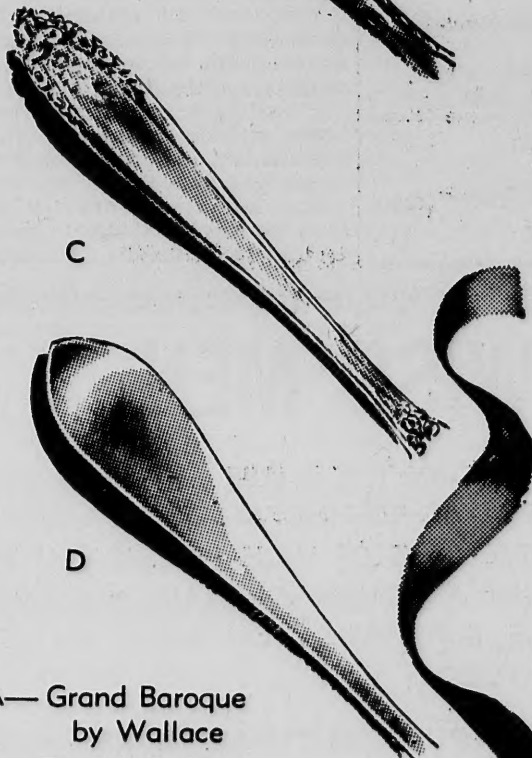
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SUNDAY, MONDAY — December 14, 15

Variety Girl

D. Hope, B. Crosby, Mary Hatcher
 3:05; 6:00; 8:55

Key Witness

John Beal, Trudy Marshall
 1:45; 4:40; 7:35

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY — December 16, 17, 18

Ivy

J. Fontaine, P. Knowles H. Marshall
 3:05; 6:00; 8:55

Devil On Wheels

Noreen Nash, Darryl Hickman
 1:45; 4:40; 7:35

FRIDAY, SATURDAY — December 19, 20

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Near-Deaths Being Investigated By Board of Selectmen

Protest Registered With Railroad Officials

An aroused board of selectmen representing an equally aroused citizenry have registered a protest with officials of the Boston and Maine railroad, regarding alleged careless operation or poor equipment or faulty inspection of same. The incident which occurred on the evening of November 28 at the Ballardvale station when a number of people narrowly escaped with their lives, sparked the compiling of a list of grievances by the board.

The most recent case, which was investigated by Selectman Howell Shepard and Officer James Lynch, involved a Boston-Lawrence train letting off passengers in the Ballardvale station at 6:15 p. m. when a Portland-Worcester extra freight train came through the station on the west-bound track. According to the report submitted by Officer Lynch to the board, compiled by him and Selectman Shepard after a thorough investigation of the incident, "the commuters were crossing the west-bound track to get to the station which is located on the north side of the tracks, when the freight went through and they had to run for their lives."

The report goes on to say that all indications are that the station protection signal was working and that the train crew of the freight train was aware of the train on the East-bound tracks as the freight had dimmed its headlights. The weather was clear."

In the course of the investigation, numerous witnesses were questioned, and all statements were consistent. Citizens waiting for members of their families, passengers on the train, by-standers, the assistant conductor, Howard Lakin, and the gateman on duty at the station, all made statements which are included in the report.

The following witnesses added their evidence to the facts gathered by the investigators: Passengers,

Jeanette Grant, 148 Andover street; William Miller, Bannister road; Miss Gray, High street; Miss Ethel Watts, 48 Central street; Mr. Alferuzzo, Center street; spectators, Mrs. William Miller, Mr. Viets, Dascumb road; Howard Lakin, the assistant conductor and Mason Gould, Salem street, the gateman on duty at the station.

The following testimony was submitted to the Selectmen by Officer James R. Lynch of the police force: "Mr. Shepard and I visited the signal tower at Lowell Junction to find out information regarding the Station Protective Signal which is located east of the Ballardvale station, as we had checked the signal on the arrival of the 10:32 and the 11:40 trains at the Vale station, and did not see the signal light. There were no trains on the west-bound track at the time. The tower men were not sure of the operation of that type of light so they called Dover and informed them what we had observed. Dover contacted Michael Bell, 22 Marland street, the signal operator who went to the signal and checked same.

"We were present there and learned from him that the signal was operating correctly. The signal did light in a vertical position while a train was in the Ballardvale station when Mr. Bell closed the relay to give the effect of another train approaching from the west."

The following letter has been sent to F. W. Rourke, general manager of the Boston and Maine Railroad by the board of selectmen:

Mr. F. W. Rourke, General Manager
 Boston and Main Railroad
 Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Our long list of Andover accidents, near accidents, and examples of poor railroad operation has again been increased, and through the vigilance and thoroughness of Selectman Shepard and Officer Lynch of our Police Department, the record seems clear and incontrovertible.

The report speaks for itself. In thirteen months we have called five cases to your attention, and I am re-listing them in this letter.

(1.) October 29, 1946 — Miss Louise R. Kelsey almost lost her life while boarding the 12:05 train to Boston. The Rockingham Race Special speeded through the Andover Station while a passenger train was still in the station, waiting to take on passengers. No reply was received from you on this complaint.

(2.) Mrs. B. L. McDonald was almost killed by a shifter, on March 20, 1947, the shifter entering the station while a passenger train was loading. You admitted this error and advised that "discipline was imposed."

(3.) On June 10, 1947, a fatal accident occurred at the Ballardvale Station. We believe the accident to have been unavoidable, but cannot understand why the victim was neglected by the train crew, and have received no explanation.

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(4.) On June 15, 1947, the State of Maine express failed to "stop clear of the station," to use your own words. We are advised that the report made to you is not true, and that several passengers had been discharged and narrowly escaped with their lives. In any case the engineer was "severely" disciplined.

(5.) On November 28, 1947, at the Ballardvale Station, several of our citizens narrowly escaped injury and probable loss of life, and it is to this near accident that I referred in my opening paragraph. The record is enclosed.

These five cases are, we firmly believe, a combination of careless operation and either poor equipment or poor inspection. You have admitted the human element to be at fault in two cases. We know that brakes have been unable to stop trains within the proper distance, and base our assumption of poor equipment or inspection upon this fact.

We feel that an aroused public opinion is the only solution to the problem. Safety, as you must agree is of paramount importance. We cannot permit this list of cases to mount and mount if we have any power to avoid it. We intend to take every possible step to remedy the condition. Preventive steps are more necessary than excuses. The railroad officials that are responsible for this condition seem to brush the matter aside after slight or no consideration of any remedy. Some definite action must be taken before more of our citizens lose their lives.

Very truly yours,
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David L. Coutts, long associated with the printing business in Andover, has joined the staff of the Consolidated Press, Inc., as sales representative both for job printing and as solicitor of advertising for the Townsman.

Mr. Coutts started his long career with the Andover Press as apprentice under the late John N. Cole in 1895, in 1925 he bought the Terry Press, then located in the original Andover Press building in the rear of the Draper block. In partnership with George Smith, the business operated under the name of Smith and Coutts Co.

In 1929, Smith and Coutts moved to the present location in the Barnard Building, and the business was sold to Elmer J. Grover in 1941. From 1939 until 1941, when the business changed hands and became known as the Townsman Press, the Townsman was printed by Smith and Coutts for the publisher and owner, Mr. Grover.

In 1947, the picture again changes, and Mr. Coutts is employed by the Consolidated Press, Inc., job printers, and publisher of Andover's weekly, the Townsman.

Volunteers Services

Dr. William V. Emmons, 9 Locke street, is one of many optometrists throughout the state who have volunteered to cooperate with the Registry of Motor Vehicles in free examination of driver applicants, in another step in the state campaign for safety on the highways.

Realizing that good vision is one of the most important factors in promoting safety on the highways, the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, through their president, Dr. A. O. Parrott, has been cooperating with the Registry of Motor Vehicles in compiling state-wide lists of optometrists to whom the driver applicant may be referred.

Registrar King, in a letter of congratulation to the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, stated, "I wish to take this opportunity to voice my deep appreciation to you, Sir, and to your associates of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists for your splendid cooperation in providing an up-to-date list of optometrists whose services are available, free of charge, to applicants for driver licenses."

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BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Troop 70—Christ Church

Scoutmaster Harrison Brown announces that three new members have passed their Tenderfoot requirements. They are Charlie Swift, Rayburn Hathaway, and Billy Hood. A recent money-raising project was very successful, and netted \$40.00 for the troop treasury. The troop has a project for each Scout to prepare for three different second class tests each week. Jack Kelly and Bancroft Fredrickson have nearly completed First Class Scout requirements. The troop is preparing a float for the "Old-Fashioned Christmas" festival and parade. Jimmie Brown and Jimmie McGrath have put in a lot of time on this work. The troop meets Friday evenings in the parish house and new members are welcome at that time.

Pack 72—Free Church

Cubmaster John Carver attended the annual Scouters Round-Up of Northeastern Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. Mr. Carver acted as leader in one discussion group and as secretary of a general meeting.

Troop 72—Free Church

Twenty-three out of twenty-five active scouts attended the recent mountain hike to East Jaffrey, New Hampshire. At the meeting on

Friday evening, December 5, a school of instruction in Morse code was conducted. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Arabian talked to the troop on food, bedding, clothing, and other supplies necessary during a hike of several days. A hike is planned to Camp Dad Sargent on December 26, 27, and 28. The troop at present is in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster David Cargill, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters David MacCord and Jack Arabian, and Senior Patrol Leader Gregory Arabian. Troop Committeeman Merrill Burnett and Troop Scribe Thomas Burnett attended the annual scouters' round-up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6.

Troop 71—Shawsheen P.T.A.

Troop Committee Chairman Alan F. Dunlop attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters' Round-Up on Saturday, December 6. The troop met on Monday evening, December 8, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Everett MacAskill and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Caswell. Patrol Leader Edward Dean was awarded the metal working merit badge. Patrol elections were held, with the following results: Flying Eagle Patrol: Edward Dean, patrol leader; and Emery LeTourneau, assistant patrol leader; Cobra Patrol: Peter Caswell, patrol leader; and David Wilkin-

son, assistant patrol leader. Games were played and knot tying practice and instruction was given. A Christmas party was announced. Patrol competition is planned to start soon.

Troop 73—South Church

Scoutmaster Leslie Mullin is planning a Court of Honor to review scouts in advancement in rank and it is expected that many scouts will be eligible for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank. Troop Committeeman Robert Hatton and Patrol Leader Robert Hatton, Jr., attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters' Round-Up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. Reorganization of the troop has been under way and announcement will be made later of the troop officers.

Troop 75—St. Augustine's

Troop Committeeman Louis E. Gleason recently thanked the Mens' Club of St. Augustine's parish for a one hundred dollar gift to the troop of the parish. The troop is enjoying an active year under the leadership of Scoutmaster Justin L. Rex.

Troop 76—Ballardvale

A meeting of the troop was held on Thursday evening, December 4, at the home of Scoutmaster Arnold Schofield, Tewksbury street. The scouts are preparing to pass requirements for advancement in rank, and a period of instruction was given.

District Meeting

A meeting of the Andover District Committee is scheduled for Thursday evening in the Public Library at 7:30 o'clock.

Pack 71—Shawsheen P. T. A.

Den Chiefs Peter Dunlop of Den 1, Walter Tomlinson, Jr., of Den 3, and Emery LeTourneau of Den 4 attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters Round-Up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. A pack meeting is planned in the near future.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk R. Batcheller of Lowell road announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Mr. George B. Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burchard E. Horne of Porter road.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip White, 34 Edmonds road, North Andover, announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Alice May, to Philip Lamont MacLean, son of Mrs. Constance MacLean Gross of Chestnut street.

Miss White is a graduate of the Edward F. Searles high school, in Methuen, and the McIntosh school, and is a private secretary. Her fiancé, a graduate of Northeastern university, served with the armed forces overseas, and is at present employed as an industrial engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. McGuire, 44 Saunders street, North Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline T., to William F. Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Morgan of Prospect road. A spring wedding is planned.

Miss McGuire is a graduate of Johnson high school, North Andover, and her fiancé, who is a veteran, is a graduate of Pynchard high school.

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JUNIOR HIGH NOTES . . .

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Football Banquet

Many tickets were sold in the Junior High for the Father and Son Banquet, which was held on Wednesday, December 10th, at 8:15. All the boys in the Junior High were invited, as well as their fathers. Members of the football team were the guests of honor. This banquet was held in the school cafeteria, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Girl's Intramural Basketball

There was an especially big turnout of seventy girls to start the basketball season off with a bang. Twenty girls supported the Reds, and eighteen girls reported for the Greens, who were close runners-up. The Blues and Golds came in third with a 16-16 tie. Captains for the individual color teams were elected and are as follows: Reds: Phyllis Johnson; Blues: Frances Ratyna; Greens: Bessie Christie; Golds: Judy Marland.

On Tuesday, passing and running was practiced. Also, the girls shot for baskets. The high-scorers of the day were Dorothy Murphy and Bessie Christie of the Ninth grade, each with 22 baskets.

On Thursday, a greater number of girls reported. Pass relays among the color teams and shooting for baskets were the main events of the day. All this is to get the girls in practice before they begin to play among themselves. Passing from the wrists and catching with the fingers were emphasized. High scorer of Thursday was Ann Sanborn of the Eighth grade with 17 baskets.

Birds' Christmas Carol

On December 19, the Dramatic Club will present "The Birds' Christmas Carol" to the school assembly. Then on Sunday, December 21, they will present the same play in conjunction with a program by the Stowe and High Schools for the Central Parent Teachers' Association. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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The cast will be made up by a committee from the Dramatic Club. Members of the club will also serve as ushers. Jane Galley and Virginia McCullough will serve as co-directors with Miss Marshall.

Camera Club

The contest photos were exhibited to the Camera Club members and were numbered in order to make it easier to make a choice. The pictures were classified into four groups: animals, children, adults, and buildings. The members chose the photos for first and second choices. Results of the contest will be given at a later date.

Perfect Attendance

We wish to congratulate Room 7, on their wonderful achievement. They have had perfect attendance for the entire week. How do you do it Room 7? Good work.

Cafeteria

Something new and different is being tried during the lunch period, when the students have finished eating in the cafeteria. Dancing is being held in the gym, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, when it is too cold or stormy to go outside. The traffic officers are helping to make this a success. This privilege is being given to the grade going first each week, and we hope it may prevail all winter.

Ninth Grade Meeting

A special Ninth grade meeting was held Monday, seventh period, in the music room. It met to discuss the Ninth Grade Prom, and anything else that might come up.

The four Ninth grade homeroom each elected two members to the prom committee, while the chairman was elected by the assembled Ninth grade. The committee is as follows: Harold Wood, chairman, Joseph Wennik, Phyllis Johnson, Bessie Christie, Donald Valz, Marion White, Charles McCullom, and Patricia Peterkin.

Joseph Wennik was also elected chairman of the Ninth grade, and will conduct all of the meetings of this type.

The Bazaar

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BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Troop 70—Christ Church

Scoutmaster Harrison Brown announces that three new members have passed their Tenderfoot requirements. They are Charlie Swift, Rayburn Hathaway, and Billy Hood. A recent money-raising project was very successful, and netted \$40.00 for the troop treasury. The troop has a project for each Scout to prepare for three different second class tests each week. Jack Kelly and Bancroft Fredrickson have nearly completed First Class Scout requirements. The troop is preparing a float for the "Old-Fashioned Christmas" festival and parade. Jimmie Brown and Jimmie McGrath have put in a lot of time on this work. The troop meets Friday evenings in the parish house and new members are welcome at that time.

Pack 72—Free Church

Cubmaster John Carver attended the annual Scouters Round-Up of Northeastern Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. Mr. Carver acted as leader in one discussion group and as secretary of a general meeting.

Troop 72—Free Church

Twenty-three out of twenty-five active scouts attended the recent mountain hike to East Jaffrey, New Hampshire. At the meeting on

Friday evening, December 5, a school of instruction in Morse code was conducted. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Arabian talked to the troop on food, bedding, clothing, and other supplies necessary during a hike of several days. A hike is planned to Camp Dad Sargent on December 26, 27, and 28. The troop at present is in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster David Cargill, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters David MacCord and Jack Arabian, and Senior Patrol Leader Gregory Arabian. Troop Committeeman Merrill Burnett and Troop Scribe Thomas Burnett attended the annual scouters' round-up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6.

Troop 71—Shawsheen P.T.A.

Troop Committee Chairman Alan F. Dunlop attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters' Round-Up on Saturday, December 6. The troop met on Monday evening, December 8, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Everett MacAskill and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Caswell. Patrol Leader Edward Dean was awarded the metal working merit badge. Patrol elections were held, with the following results: Flying Eagle Patrol: Edward Dean, patrol leader; and Emery LeTourneau, assistant patrol leader; Cobra Patrol: Peter Caswell, patrol leader; and David Wilkin-

son, assistant patrol leader. Games were played and knot tying practice and instruction was given. A Christmas party was announced. Patrol competition is planned to start soon.

Troop 73—South Church

Scoutmaster Leslie Mullin is planning a Court of Honor to review scouts in advancement in rank and it is expected that many scouts will be eligible for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank. Troop Committeeman Robert Hatton and Patrol Leader Robert Hatton, Jr., attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters' Round-Up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. Reorganization of the troop has been under way and announcement will be made later of the troop officers.

Troop 75—St. Augustine's

Troop Committeeman Louis E. Gleason recently thanked the Mens' Club of St. Augustine's parish for a one hundred dollar gift to the troop of the parish. The troop is enjoying an active year under the leadership of Scoutmaster Justin L. Rex.

Troop 76—Ballardvale

A meeting of the troop was held on Thursday evening, December 4, at the home of Scoutmaster Arnold Schofield, Tewksbury street. The scouts are preparing to pass requirements for advancement in rank, and a period of instruction was given.

District Meeting

A meeting of the Andover District Committee is scheduled for Thursday evening in the Public Library at 7:30 o'clock.

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Den Chiefs Peter Dunlop of Den 1, Walter Tomlinson, Jr., of Den 3, and Emery LeTourneau of Den 4 attended the annual Northeastern Massachusetts Scouters Round-Up in Lynn on Saturday, December 6. A pack meeting is planned in the near future.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk R. Batcheller of Lowell road announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Mr. George B. Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burchard E. Horne of Porter road.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip White, 34 Edmonds road, North Andover, announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Alice May, to Philip Lamont MacLean, son of Mrs. Constance MacLean Gross of Chestnut street.

Miss White is a graduate of the Edward F. Searles high school, in Methuen, and the McIntosh school, and is a private secretary. Her fiancé, a graduate of Northeastern university, served with the armed forces overseas, and is at present employed as an industrial engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. McGuire, 44 Saunders street, North Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline T., to William F. Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Morgan of Prospect road. A spring wedding is planned.

Miss McGuire is a graduate of Johnson high school, North Andover, and her fiancé, who is a veteran, is a graduate of Pynchard high school.

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Football Banquet

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Girl's Intramural

There was a out of seventy basketball season. Twenty girls and eighteen boys were in the Blues and Greens, who were with a 16-16 individual color and are as for Johnson, Blue Greens, Bess Judy Marland.

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Birds' Christmas

On December Club will present Christmas Celebration. Then 21, they will in conjunction the Stowe and Central Parenthood. The public to attend.

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Football Banquet

Many tickets were sold in the Junior High for the Father and Son Banquet, which was held on Wednesday, December 10th, at 8:15. All the boys in the Junior High were invited, as well as their fathers. Members of the football team were the guests of honor. This banquet was held in the school cafeteria, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Girl's Intramural Basketball

There was an especially big turnout of seventy girls to start the basketball season off with a bang. Twenty girls supported the Reds, and eighteen girls reported for the Greens, who were close runners-up. The Blues and Golds came in third with a 16-16 tie. Captains for the individual color teams were elected and are as follows: Reds: Phyllis Johnson; Blues: Frances Ratyna; Greens: Bessie Christie; Golds: Judy Marland.

On Tuesday, passing and running was practiced. Also, the girls shot for baskets. The high-scorers of the day were Dorothy Murphy and Bessie Christie of the Ninth grade, each with 22 baskets.

On Thursday, a greater number of girls reported. Pass relays among the color teams and shooting for baskets were the main events of the day. All this is to get the girls in practice before they begin to play among themselves. Passing from the wrists and catching with the fingers were emphasized. High scorer of Thursday was Ann Sanborn of the Eighth grade with 17 baskets.

Birds' Christmas Carol

On December 19, the Dramatic Club will present "The Birds' Christmas Carol" to the school assembly. Then on Sunday, December 21, they will present the same play in conjunction with a program by the Stowe and High Schools for the Central Parent Teachers' Association. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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The cast will be made up by a committee from the Dramatic Club. Members of the club will also serve as ushers. Jane Galley and Virginia McCullough will serve as co-directors with Miss Marshall.

Camera Club

The contest photos were exhibited to the Camera Club members and were numbered in order to make it easier to make a choice. The pictures were classified into four groups: animals, children, adults, and buildings. The members chose the photos for first and second choices. Results of the contest will be given at a later date.

Perfect Attendance

We wish to congratulate Room 7, on their wonderful achievement. They have had perfect attendance for the entire week. How do you do it Room 7? Good work.

Cafeteria

Something new and different is being tried during the lunch period, when the students have finished eating in the cafeteria. Dancing is being held in the gym, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, when it is too cold or stormy to go outside. The traffic officers are helping to make this a success. This privilege is being given to the grade going first each week, and we hope it may prevail all winter.

Ninth Grade Meeting

A special Ninth grade meeting was held Monday, seventh period, in the music room. It met to discuss the Ninth Grade Prom, and anything else that might come up.

The four Ninth grade homeroom each elected two members to the prom committee, while the chairman was elected by the assembled Ninth grade. The committee is as follows: Harold Wood, chairman, Joseph Wennik, Phyllis Johnson, Bessie Christie, Donald Valz, Marion White, Charles McCullom, and Patricia Peterkin.

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Public Auction Great Success

The organ fund of the Christ Church is in a very comfortable way right now, if the success of the public auction held by members of the parish on Saturday, December 6, in the parish house, is any indication of its state. A large and enthusiastic crowd kept the auctioneer, Charles B. Torrey and his two assistants hopping from the time the auction opened at ten o'clock in the morning until after five at night.



Charles B. Torrey and his two assistants, working overtime at the Christ Church Auction last Saturday, December 6, in the Parish House. Mrs. Walter Caswell, general chairman, beams in the background.



The auctioneer is really doing a job of selling in this shot by Donald Look. His audience looks skeptical.

The Girls' Friendly society served approximately 200 people during the luncheon from noon to 1:00 p. m. and considerably more than that number were in and out bidding on this and that during the day.

Mrs. Walter Caswell was general chairman of a large and vigilant committee. A Christmas greens table, a home bakery table, and the luncheon were features of the affair which enjoyed great success.

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Community Orchestra Gives Children's Concert

Sunday afternoon, December 7, the sledding on Bartlett Street temporarily stopped while the children of Andover gathered in the Memorial Auditorium for the annual Children's Concert given by the Andover Community Orchestra. Before a large audience, which for attentiveness and enthusiasm might well serve as a model for adult gatherings, the orchestra under the direction of George Brown played a programme carefully chosen to appeal to younger tastes.

Beethoven's "Turkish March" opened the programme and gave Mr. Brown an opportunity to demonstrate the percussion section of the orchestra. This was followed by Haydn's "Farewell Symphony", appropriately played by candlelight. The story of the original performance of this symphony was delightfully reenacted when during the last movement, the players, snuffing out their candles, stole out one by one until only the conductor and a single violinist were left to conclude the symphony.

After a brass demonstration by various members of the string, woodwind, and brass sections of the orchestra, the programme continued with Percy Grainger's "Handel in the Strand" with Edward Malins as piano soloist. This selection with its gaiety and infectious rhythm proved to be a favorite, due in large part to the exciting vigor of Mr. Malins' playing. After the impressive "Hymn of Thanksgiving," the orchestra concluded with the "Knightsbridge March" by Eric Coates, in which the full resources of the orchestra were well displayed.

Special praise should go to Mr. Brown, not only for his capable direction of the orchestra, but for his

amusing and instructive oral programme notes. The members of the orchestra, its conductor and directors have earned the thanks of the community for so happily combining education with pleasure in this latest of their children's concerts.

The concert on Sunday was the 16th concert in the 9th season since the founding of the group.

Patrons for the concert were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Chester D. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edson Andrews, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Baldwin, Miss Catherine M. Barrett, Emory S. Basford, Miss Alice L. Bell, Miss Mary W. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Brimer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton Chapin, Dr. Alston H. Chase, Fred E. Cheever, Sumner C. Cobb, Chester A. Cochran, Miss Margaret M. Curran, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Dailey, Roscoe E. Dake, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Eastham, Miss Helen Eaton, Miss Louisa Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Thaxter Eaton, Miss Josephine H. Emerson, Miss Doris Evers, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth, Miss Ethel Farrington, Miss Gertrude Farrington, Miss Eve Fawthorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Burton S. Flagg, Dr. and Mrs. William A. Fleming, Rev. F. P. Fogarty, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Follansbee, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Follansbee, Guy J. Forbush, Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. French, Dr. and Mrs. Claude M. Fuess, Mrs. J. Avery Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Haselton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helfetz, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hinckley, Mr. and Mrs. Nils Hoel, Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Howes, Dr. I. Malcolm Humphrey, Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Ippolito, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Johnson, Rollin Johnson, Mrs. Fred H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kefferstan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carleton Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford A. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lord, Miss Frances S. Magoon, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Morgan, Dr. Daniel Norman, Miss Mina B. Noyes, Miss Phoebe E. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Dino Olivetti, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Rafton, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ratyna, Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. George K. Sanborn, Ray A. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Sherman, Miss Olag Sjostrom, Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sorota, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Southworth, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. H. Stott, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. Augustine P. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Thompson, Philip W. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Tower, Rev. and Mrs. Byron O. Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Weaver, Miss Ruth M. Whitehill, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wood and Benjamin Zamblera.

Joseph Randall, 88 Herrick road, North Andover, student at the New England Conservatory of Music, is a member of the Conservatory Chorus, which will sing at the Christmas concert in Jordan Hall, Boston, December 18, under the direction of Lorna Cooke de Varon of the Conservatory faculty. The program includes chorales, carols, and hymns.



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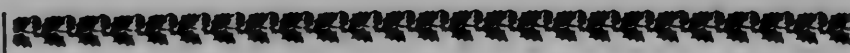
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Ballardvale Notes...

Christmas Party Held

An enjoyable party was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. James Schofield for her fellow workers of the Andover Inn.

Games were played and refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present included Mrs. Foster Matthews, Mrs. Lionel Buckley, Miss Margaret Colburn, Miss Alice Miss Josephine Miller and Mrs. James Schofield.

Attends Funeral

Richard O'Brien, postmaster for the Ballardvale postoffice returned Wednesday from Detroit. Mr. O'Brien left Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother John O'Brien which was held on Tuesday.

Family Sunday to be Observed

The second Sunday of each month has been designated as Family Sunday by the members of the Union Congregational church.

It is hoped that all parishioners attend. Small youngsters may be left in the nursery class if parents so desire.

Basketball Notes

The boys of the Union Congregational church team lost their first game to the boys of the West Parish church on Monday. The next game scheduled to be played will be with the group from St. Joseph's on December 22.

The committee has been selling tickets on a turkey, the proceeds to be used for uniforms.

Christmas Pageant

Miss Margaret Hadley is directing the Christmas Pageant to be held on December 21st at 7:00 p. m. in the Union Congregational church.

The Story of the Nativity will be presented by means of music and tableau. An adult mixed chorus supplemented by a youthful choir of angels will tell the familiar tale through the medium of many Christmas carols, while others silently present the characters of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the watchful angels, aided by effective lighting and appropriate costumes.

New Scout Leaders

The Girl Scouts of Ballardvale have a new leader, Mrs. Arthur Weiss, and as assistant Mrs. George Forsythe. The meetings are to be held in Bradlee school on Wednesdays after school.

Mrs. Joseph Bouleau is the new leader for the Brownies with Mrs. John Wilson assisting. The meeting date is Thursdays after school, to be held in Bradlee school.

P.T.A. Party Held

The Ballardvale Parent Teachers association Christmas party is just a memory but the results of that party will linger for many weeks.

After the business meeting held in Bradlee school Thursday evening with Mrs. John Wilson presiding, a Christmas party was enjoyed.

This year instead of exchanging gifts each one brought gifts to be given to Miss Harris of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to be distributed to many youngsters in need of Christmas cheer.

Mrs. George Brown had charge of collecting and wrapping gifts and many people have donated to the worthy cause. Anyone wishing to add their gifts to those collected may do so by contacting Mrs. Brown as soon as possible.

P.T.A. Annual Party

The P. T. A. will have its annual party for the pupils of Bradlee school on December 23rd when the society distributes gifts to each pupil and Santa puts in his appearance under the direction of Mrs. David Reynolds.

Movies to be Shown

Next Monday evening movies will be shown in the Ballardvale library under the direction of Miss Lane. Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be the picture. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The time is 8 o'clock.

Service Men

Cards have been received from Robert Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simon, formerly of the Vale, now residing in Shawshen. Robert is in the Merchant Marine and his address at present is:

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David J. Walsh who makes his home with his sister Mrs. Frank Froberg on Marland road, is presumed to be heading for Japan. His last address was:

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Christmas Carol as a Movie

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Movie At Ballardvale Library

On Monday evening, December 15, at 8:00 o'clock, all residents of Ballardvale are invited to the library there to see the movie of "The Christmas Carol." As usual, there is no charge and it is hoped that many will be present to see the hour-long movie of the rebirth of a bitter man through the spirit of Christmas.

Story Hour At The Main Library

On Thursday afternoon, December 18, there will be a special Christmas story hour held in the main library for all who enjoy stories about this happiest season of the year. All are invited, and a special welcome is extended to young people of grades one through six.

Thucydides On The Way

Interest is increasing in the new project to be conducted at the library early in 1948 when a group planning to learn something about the similarity of problems in the world long ago and those of today will come together under the leadership of Mr. Alston Chase of the Phillips academy faculty. This is going to be an exercise in reading, thinking, discussing and, barely possibly, in disagreeing! But it will be a challenge to any mind, informed in Greek history, or as unaware of the Greeks as of the inhabitants of Atlantis. If you want to know more about it, why not call the library, Andover 314?

Christmas List

If there are still names on the Christmas list that have no little check marks beside them, there may be a few suggestions here that

will be of help. For many people, there is no finer gift than a well-chosen book, and some of the cream of the autumn crop is represented here:

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The Wedding Journey

Edmonds
In 1835 it took four days by packet boat to go from Schenectady to Buffalo. Roger Willcox and his bride Bella made this "canal honeymoon" among all types of people, and the telling of it is a slight but delightful bit of Americana.

The Angry Wife

Sedges
The author shows remarkable facility in handling a difficult theme in the story set in the period after the War Between the States. Malvern, the Virginian home; Lucinda, the beautiful wife of Pierce, returned from a losing side of war; Tom and his charming girl Bettina—all are brought to vivid life in a story that has sustained interest throughout.

Transfer Point

Forbes
An appealing little girl, Allie Barton, is going through the painful process of growing up in a San Francisco boarding house, aware of the awkwardness of being a child of "separated" parents, yet living much of her life in a world of her own. The author wrote "Mama's Bank Account."

The Lightwood Tree

Fleming
When George C. Iatt, a teacher of American history and a conscientious man, stepped out of ranks to champion a cause, he realized that he jeopardized his entire future.

Kate Hardy

Stevenson
Kate Hardy, an English woman novelist, wrote her adventure stories under a masculine pseudonym to escape detection. To insure quiet, she bought the Dover House at Old Quinings, and found herself in a quaint but exciting village. All of Dorothy Stevenson's writings have a quiet charm and a decided flavor.

Morning Light

Tomlinson
This is the real thing for those to whom a sea story over-rides all other forms of fiction. The author grew up along the docks in London's East End, and knows the feel of the sea and its shores. He has written this of an era when sailing ships were threatened by steam-ships.

The Axe of Wandsbek

Zweig
A long, well-done story of the "little man" of Germany who was caught up in the crushing machine of our times. The author, Arnold Zweig, also wrote "The Case of Sergeant Grischa."

Jadie Greenway

Young
If you liked "The Street" you will find this similar and yet an amazing contrast to that remarkable picture of Negro life. Here is a hard story of a little girl, Jadie Greenway, battling her way out of the problems into which circumstance had forced her.

Nothing So Strange

Hilton
A young American doctor, Mark Bradley, faced a problem when Jane and her mother both fell strongly attracted by him. As usual, Hilton has written a deeper significance into an apparently light plot.

A FEW MYSTERIES

Gallows for the Groom

Olsen
The Affair of the Corpse Escort

The Woman in Black

Knight
Footbridge to Death

NON-FICTION

We Live in the Arctic

Helmericks
A second book by the Helmericks — this time enlarging on their story of their adopted country, Alaska, by telling of a trip north of the Arctic circle, through the unexplored Brooks Range, down the rivers and along the coast of Arctic America. They built a cabin and lived there during the long winter months, always finding a keen joy in living "on their own," depending on each other, and taking time really to see the world about them.

One Day at Teton Marsh

Carrighar
If you enjoyed "One Day on Beetle Rock" by Sally Carrighar, this second book, dealing with the little people who live in the marsh will delight you. The otter, osprey, mink, hare, moose, swan, beaver, leopard frog, and even a mosquito all come to life!

Yankee Coast

Coffin
As delightful a review of Maine's charm as has been done, with all the poetic writing that Robert Peter Tristram Coffin can't help but use to express himself. Water and salt spray, lobstering and fishing and islands and haunted houses and tall tales — Delightful!

The Great Forest

Lillard
This has been called "an unusual approach to the story of the development of the continent." It is a record of the fascinating part played by trees and their by-products in the development of America. Trees for houses, dyes, boats, ships, etc. Forest fires, lumbering, deforestation and erosion, conservation, forest products, and forestry all come in for discussion. Such interesting material has been included as a list of the largest trees alive, the relative value of forest crops, uses of various woods, etc. Excellent bibliography, and a delightful new type of American history.

Elmer J. Grover

Leaves The Townsman

Mr. Elmer J. Grover, who has been the editor of the Andover Townsman for the past fifteen years is just about to say goodbye to the present publishers and staff of the Townsman. Friday, December 12th, will be Mr. Grover's last day with us.

He is going on to more specialized work and the best wishes of the present staff go with him. Mr. Grover acquired The Townsman in 1938, and has been the owner until very recently, November 1, 1947 to be exact. His departure will be felt by many of us, so with sincere hope for his success we say, "So long, Elmer, Good Luck!"

"Bundles" From Town

To Go To Andover, Eng.

"Bundles for Britain" will take the form of Bundles for Andover, England as part of Andover's Old Fashioned Christmas festival. A container in which the packages may be placed will be put in front of the Town Hall, and sent to Andover, England immediately after Christmas.

A cable will be sent to the Mayor and Mayoress of England on Tuesday evening, December 23rd, wishing our sister town in England a Merry Christmas, and informing them of the packages to be shipped shortly after.

The committee in charge of the Bundles for Andover, asks that food donations be excepted from the list of necessities which are in such great demand in England. Money donations, which will be used by the committee to buy CARE packages through wholesale mediums will purchase a great deal more in the line of food for our fellow citizens across the sea than if the food itself were donated and shipping charges paid on it.

The committee is headed by Douglas Byers, assisted by Rev. Henry B. Smith, O.S.A. and Rev. John G. Gaskill. The Boy Scouts will assist by transferring the articles from the collection center to the packing depot. Types of gifts desired may be obtained by contacting one of the members of the committee.

Weddings...

LAJOIE-ORMSBY

At a ceremony performed Monday morning in the Baptist church; Miss Marjorie Ormsby of Methuen became the bride of Louis J. Lajoie of Lawrence. Reverend Robert E. Drew of the Methodist church of Methuen, officiated.

(Mrs. Clyde Mears served as matron of honor for her sister and Armand L. Persichetti was best man. Malcolm Lundgren was the organist.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Schofield of Tewksbury street. Miss Ruth Mears was in charge of the guest book. A buffet lunch was served.

After a brief honeymoon the couple will reside in Methuen.

Old New England

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AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Rev. Wendell L. Bailey, Pastor

Sunday, Special White Gift Service and Pageant.

Monday, 6:30 p. m., Inter-Church Basketball games at Pynchard gymnasium.

Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Prayer Cell meeting at the home of Miss Edna Todd; 7:45, Friendly Circle Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edyth Eastman, Abbot street.

Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., Pioneer Girls meet in the church vestry; 7:45, Men's Club Christmas party. Wives will be guests. Each couple will bring a box lunch, and at the refreshment period will exchange partners. A program of Sacred and Christmas music will be offered by an octette group from the Andover Male Chorus.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m., Woman's Union meeting in the church parlor; 7:00, Royal Ambassadors meet in the church vestry; 8:00, Adult Choir rehearsal in the church parlor.

Christ Church

Rev. John S. Moses, Rector

Sunday, 8:00 a. m., Holy Communion; 9:30, Sunday school; 11:00, Litany, Ante-Communion and sermon; 5:30 p. m., Young People's Fellowship.

Monday, 3:30 p. m., Girl Scouts party. Mrs. Follansbee's troop; 7:30, Girls' Friendly society Christmas party.

Wednesday, 1:15 p. m., Week-Day religious education; 2:00, Girl Scouts. Mrs. Johnson's troop.

Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Holy Communion; 3:30 p. m., Girl Scouts. Miss Cole's troop; 8:00, Choir Christmas party.

Friday, 6:30 p. m., Boy Scouts, Troop 70.

Free Christian Church

Rev. Levering Reynolds, Jr., Pastor

Friday, 7:00 p. m., Boy Scouts, at the home of Mrs. George Adams; 7:45, Meeting of the Primary church school teachers.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School. Gifts for the Committee for War Victims will be brought to this session; 9:30, Meeting of the trustees in the parish house; 11:00, Morning Worship. Sermon: "The Never-Fading Splendor."

Monday, 6:30-9:00 p. m., Church Basketball league games in the High School gymnasium.

Tuesday, 7:00 p. m., The H. A. T. Club will meet at the church to decorate the Church School rooms.

Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., Cub Pack meeting and Christmas party.

Thursday, 3:45 p. m., Junior Choir rehearsal, followed by a Christmas party; 7:00, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts join for a Christmas party; 7:30, Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday, 7:00 p. m., Christmas party for the Senior department of the Church School.

Saturday, 2:30-4:30 p. m., Christmas party for the Primary department of the Church School.

Methodist Church

Ballardvale

Rev. Mr. Crawford, Minister

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Morning Worship and sermon; 11:40, Church School with classes for all ages.

South Church

Rev. Frederick B. Noss, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School and the Junior Church Christmas service; 9:30, High School class; 9:30, Men's group; 10:45, Morning Worship and sermon; 10:45, Church Kindergarten; 11:15, Educational motion pictures; 6:00 p. m., Young People's society.

Monday, 7:00 p. m., Inter-church basketball league.

Tuesday, 4:00 p. m., Junior Church Christmas party; 7:30, the Prudential committee.

Wednesday, 1:15 p. m., Week-Day School of the Christian Religion; 7:30, the Junior Choir.

Thursday, 10:00 a. m., All-Day sewing meeting of the Women's Union; 7:45, the Church Choir; 8:00, Alpha Phi Chi sorority Christmas program.

Friday, 7:15 p. m., Troop 73, Boy Scouts.

West Parish Church

Rev. John Gilbert Gaskill, Minister

Sunday, 10:30, Children's service of worship, sermon: "A New Kind of Christmas Tree." Classes for adults and teen agers; 11:00, Morning service of worship. Music by the Choir, Mrs. Dean Hudgins, director. Sermon by the pastor, "The Silent Interpreter of a Tremendous Tragedy"; 7:30, The Sunday Evening Fellowship of Young People will meet in the vestry. Leader, Judith Marland.

Monday, The Intermediate and Senior basketball teams will play at the High School gymnasium.

Wednesday, Children's Choir rehearsal at

St. Augustine's Church

Rev. Thomas A. Fogarty, Pastor

Sunday, Masses at 8:30, 8:30, 9:45 (High) and 11:30 a. m. Benediction after 11:30.

St. Joseph's Church

Ballardvale

Sunday, 9:00 a. m., Mass celebrated by Rev. Father MacDonald, O. S. A.

Union Congregational Church

Ballardvale

Rev. Philip M. Kelsey, Minister

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Church School; 11:00, Morning worship and sermon for Family Sunday. Everyone welcome; 2:00 p. m., Rehearsal for those having acting parts in pageant; 7:00, Young People's group in vestry.

Monday, 7:30 p. m., Meeting of Sunday School teachers in vestry. Rev. John Gilbert Gaskill of West Parish will talk on "The Pilgrim Series of Lessons."

Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., Christmas party for members of the Church Service League; to be held in vestry; 8:00, Men's Club meeting to be held in vestry.

Friday, 8:00 p. m., Christmas party of the Friendly Guild to be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Green on Marland road.

AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The American Legion auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas party, Tuesday, December 16, at the Yankee Doodle restaurant.

Members are urged to attend and bring a friend. Each person is asked to bring a present to exchange. Mrs. Florence Cheney, Mrs. Mary Wrigley, and Mrs. Margaret Cilley are active committee members.

EDITORIAL...

Christmas Thoughts

From our second-floor perch above Main Street, we have an opportunity to observe the steadily increasing traffic of people in the shopping district as Christmas grows closer. It is certainly a heart-warming thing to think of the joys that many of the bundles under the shoppers' arms will bring to children and grown-ups alike. While we are at it, let's not forget packages for those not so fortunate both here and abroad who through no fault of their own, are not able to provide their families with even the simplest pleasures.

May we also take this opportunity to thank the merchants who have advertised in The Townsman, for their fine support, and cordial reception. In the new publisher's opening editorial we earnestly asked for continued support from the merchants, in order to maintain The Townsman as an institution of Andover, which it has been for over sixty years, and from all indications this support is being given in a friendly and co-operative way. We sincerely believe that their support will work both ways.

As a final word, we do want to say that for your remaining Christmas shopping, why not patronize the many fine shops that advertise in The Townsman? Let's make this a really happy Old Fashioned Christmas for our family and friends and make it even better by supporting each other.



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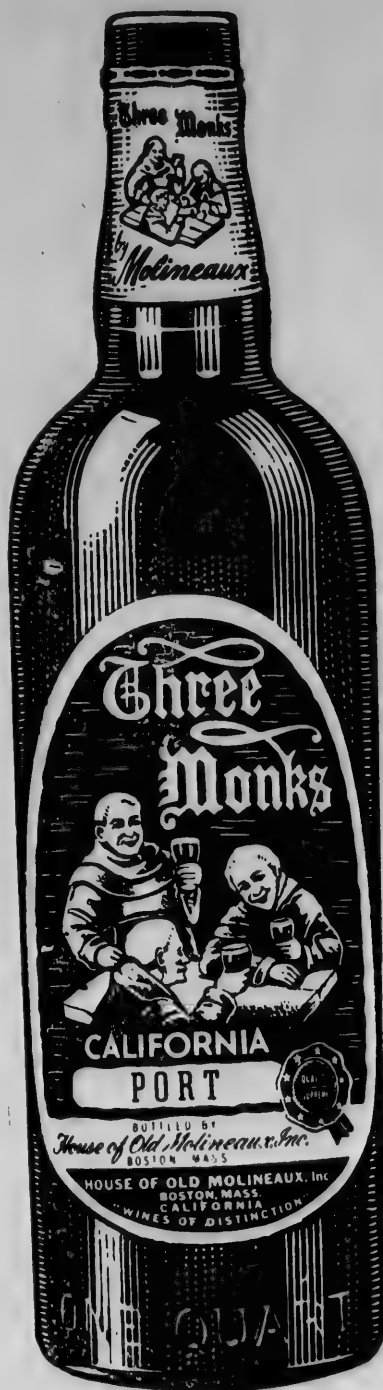
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...Punchard Notes...

By Jack Sherman

Community Orchestra

To the students who attended the assembly mentioned above, Mrs. Roger Higgins extended a cordial invitation, to attend the Community Orchestra Concert, which was held last Sunday. Many of the students did attend this very interesting affair.

Politics

At a special assembly, held last Friday, Mr. Lovely explained plans for a student General Court for the state of Massachusetts. To represent us in a special session to be held in January, we will elect representatives and senators for our electoral districts. exactly as our parents do for the regular session of the legislature. These elected students will run the state for one day. We shall have more about this next week, when the students have been elected, and when the plans are more complete.

Goldsmith Prize

The Goldsmith Prize Speaking Contest, originally slated to be held December 17, has been postponed until Jan. 14, because of the absence of both participants and their coaches. This gives the students participating, an extra two weeks to learn and polish their selections. Goldsmiths were originally held in the evening, but because of lack of interest on the part of the public, they are now held during a regular assembly period. It is too bad that the public does not have the opportunity of hearing these students. If you are interested, why not come January 17? The time will be announced at a later date. Perhaps, at some future time, public interest will revive, and Goldsmiths will again enjoy their former popularity, and be held in the evening.

Atlantic Monthly

As we have mentioned before, the Senior class is studying contemporary modern literature by the use of the Atlantic Monthly magazine. This gives the students an opportunity to study the styles and trends of our modern writers at their best, and to compare modern writers with others both past and present. The students study all types of contemporary literature. Novels, articles, and poetry are all included in this magazine. Unfortunately, the cost of modern novels is so prohibitive, that it is impossible for the students to study the modern development of this type of modern literature in the publisher's edition. We are forced, therefore, to use the next best means, and that is obviously, magazines, with serialized novels. The Atlantic offers the best in modern reading. The better writers of our time contribute to this publication, and Andover citizens may well be proud that this magazine

Otters in Assembly

Last Thursday, the students of the Junior and Senior High Schools were treated to Mr. Emil E. Liers, the Otter Man. Mr. Liers showed his movie, "My Pals and Playmates, the Otters," which was made in cooperation with the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History. The speaker has raised and bred otters, first as a hobby, and now as a profession for years, and the movie "starred" several of his favorite animals. In addition, he brought two of the animals with him. They were released from the back of the auditorium when he whistled, and walked, or ran, right down the aisle and upon the stage. Seeing the animals in real life was, of course, the high point of the

whole assembly. Mr. Liers stated that otters are not the destructive animals that many made them out to be, but are actually guardians of our lakes and streams. They are also in danger of becoming extinct, as there are only about 5,000 of them in the United States at the present time. They are highly prized for their fur, which is used as a sign of social position in the Orient. The fur is a dark brown, and when it is wet, it is a sleek-black, and very beautiful, wet or dry. The speaker said that they make wonderful pets, and he has sold several of them to well known people, among them the Dupont family, of Wilmington, Delaware. They sell for about \$300, however. They can be trained, much as a dog, and Mr. Liers uses them to fetch ducks when he goes hunting. It was a most interesting assembly, and we are promised more equally interesting ones throughout the year.

Writing Contest

The Senior Class has been given sheets listing composition contests which they, as individuals, are eligible to enter. These contests are sponsored by the Scholastic Publishing Company. The type of contest included are:

Short Story. Any fictional narrative about one or more characters acting in a given setting may be submitted. Unity of effect should be achieved. Length: 4,000 words or under.

Essay. This is the familiar essay, which may deal with any subject treated from a more or less personal standpoint. The tone should be informal (in contrast, see new Classification). Length: 2,000 words or under.

Poetry. All forms of verse, rhymed or free, are acceptable. A total of 50 lines (either single poem or group of poems) is minimum for a single entry. Do not submit more than 200 lines.

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Review. Books, plays, films, radio programs, music, and art may be the subject for this critical writing. The writer should present only pertinent details and express critical judgment. Length: 1,000 words or under.

Humor. May include satire parody, light verse, original anecdotes. Brief essays of the humorous variety may often compete better here than in Essay. Length: 1,000 words or under.

Autobiographical Sketch. A narrative essay about an experience that had an effect upon your life. Length: 2,000 words or under.

Radio Scripts. Classifications offered with cooperation of the Association for Education by Radio. Following standard radio script form. Maximum length: 3,500 words. Shorter scripts preferred.

A—Original Radio Dramas.

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Scripts based on published material fiction, biographies, history. Give source facts: title, author, publisher. Where possible use non-copyright sources.

C—Non-drama Scripts.

Interviews, news, sports, variety programs, music continuity, etc. Any form except drama.

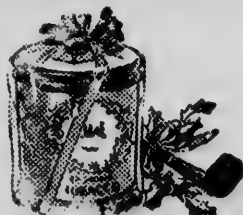
Current Events Report. An analysis or interpretation of an important present-day event or problem, domestic or international. It should aim for accuracy, completeness, and well balanced treatment of controversial issues. Length: 1,500 words or under.

Community Service Report. The title might be "How We Did It." An account of a worthwhile project carried out in the community where the student lives. Examples: recreation center, open forum, health clinic, labor-management committee, U. N. community project, housing project, safety program, music, festival, welfare fund campaign, etc. Charts, photos, maps, clippings may be used for illustration, but are not required. Length: 1,500 words or under.

International Letter Writing. Must be the copy of an actual letter to a student living outside the U. S. It should aim to foster friendship and better understanding of American life.

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Feature Story. Any story, dealing with significant or lively events about the school, in which time is not an element of importance. It may be factual or humorous.

Interview. May present the views and experiences of any individual of interest to the student body. It should give a good portrait of the person interviewed, with the writer's reaction well subordinated.

Sports Writing. May be a story or column covering any sports event. Prizes are awarded for clarity of expression and proper emphasis on highlights.

Column. News comment or humor columns are preferred. Submit at least three different examples of a given column.

Editorial. Logic, good taste, and technique are the points weighed by the judges for this classification.

As you can see, there is a great variety, and many Punched students are now working on material that they hope to submit.

Guidance

The Guidance Department is still hard at work on college admissions. In the past two years, the Guidance Department has succeeded 100 per cent in getting students who wished to further their education, into schools, if not THE school of their choice, at least a close second, and most of the Punched alumni are doing very well. Of course, we cannot expect this extraordinary record to continue. It is impossible to think that such a record could run continuously under present conditions, but Punched intends to try and get a very high percentage of her students into schools of further learning.

Senior Dance

The Senior Class will hold a dance on Friday night. The admission will be fifty cents. The time, from 8 p. m. to 11:30 p. m., dance will be held in the auditorium with music supplied by Harold Phinney. Bob Phinney will be at the turntable. Of course, all are urged to attend.

Appeal

With the high cost of books, the Goldsmith Library is in a bad way. It is desperate for new books. While it is primarily a reference library, it does have some novels and other recreational reading on its shelves. Those books that it does have have seen their best days. Furthermore, there is little of twentieth century writers. Pupils and friends of Punched, if you have books which you have enjoyed and would like to share with others, why not Library? Non-fiction, biography, travel, and poetry, novels: all are wanted. If you have any books you care to contribute, please bring them to the Goldsmith Library, or leave them in the principal's office at Punched. Everyone in Punched will appreciate your donations which will breathe new life into our library.



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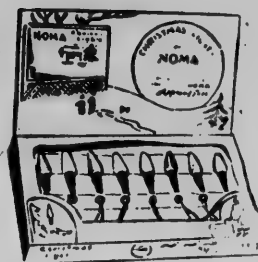
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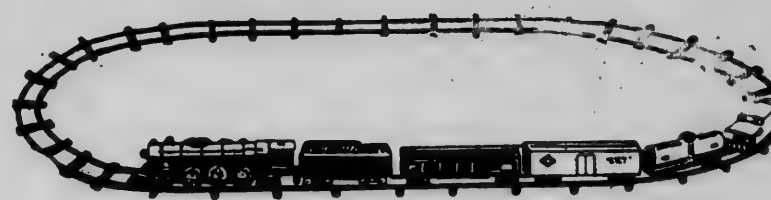
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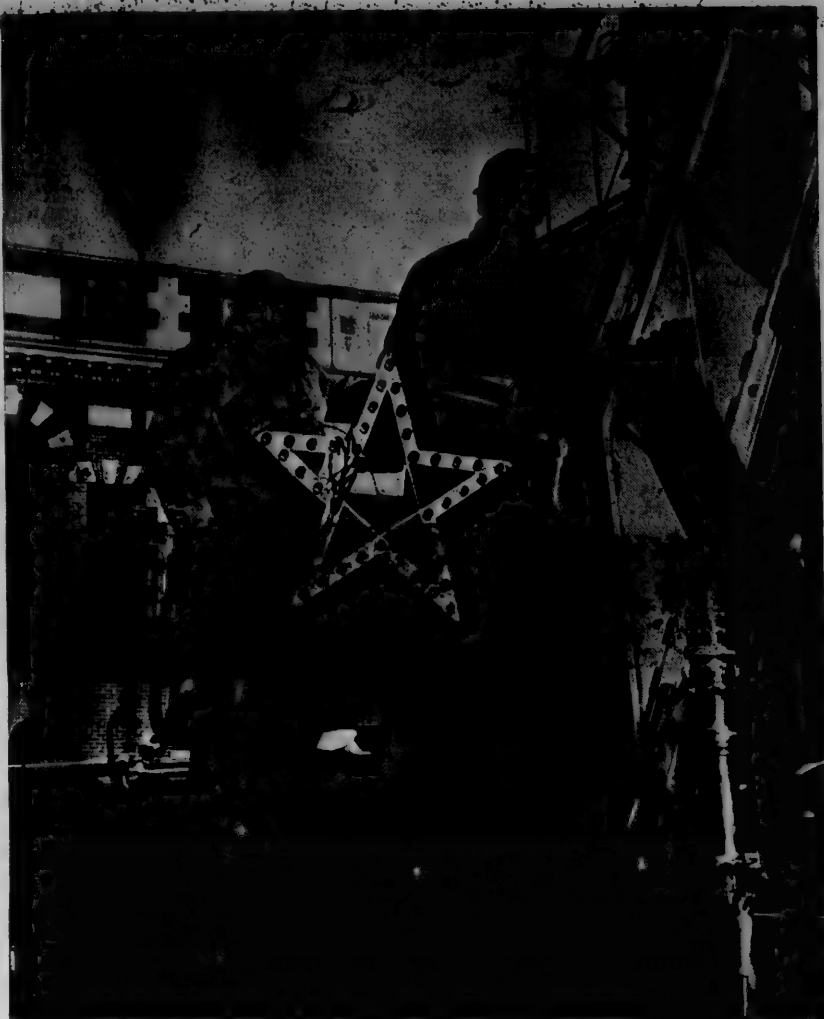
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COASTER KILLED IN WEST ANDOVER

Douglas Wilford Dixon, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Dixon of Boutwell road, West Andover, was killed, and a playmate injured, when the sled on which they were coasting slid under the rear wheel of an express truck on River road late Thursday afternoon.

The boy riding with him, Joseph F. Harty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Harty of 29 River road, was taken to the Lawrence General hospital, where his condition was reported as fair. His name was placed on the danger list.

In trying to avoid the accident, the driver, Charles Partridge of Ballardvale, swerved his truck aside and snapped off a utility pole.

Both youngsters were second grade pupils in the West Center school.

Besides his parents, Douglas is



survived by two brothers, Lester F. Dixon, Jr., and Gerald A., a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ida F. Bancroft of East Pepperill, and a paternal grandparent, Thomas H. Dixon of West Andover.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the H. L. Farmer & Sons funeral home, Lee st., Tewksbury. Friends are invited. Dr. George E. Brown, pastor of the South Congregational church, Lawrence, which Douglas attended, will officiate. Burial will be in West Parish cemetery, and will be private.

Births

A boy Saturday at Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Fernande Lussier, 11 High street. The mother is the former Mary Simeone.

A boy Sunday at Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, Johnson hall. The mother is the former Lee Brooks.

A girl Sunday at McGowan Memorial hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Garabed Dargoonian, 131 North Main street. The mother is the former Blanche Demers.

A girl Sunday at Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Parker, 4 Essex court. The mother is the former Marjorie Bean.

A daughter Monday at the Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, 14 Ridge street. The mother was Edna Beaulieu.

A son Monday at the Lawrence General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, 4 Yale road. The mother was Marjorie Smart.

MAIL LOCAL CARDS BY DEC. 15 TO INSURE DELIVERY FOR XMAS

Get Busy Now

All Christmas cards for out-of-state delivery, and all Christmas packages, should be in the mail today in order to ensure their arrival before Christmas, it was announced by Postmaster Stephen Boland this week.

The heavy flood of gift packages and Christmas cards in post offices all over the United States makes early mailing essential, and Christmas cards for local delivery should be mailed before December 15.

"Envelopes and packages may be marked 'Do Not Open Until Christmas' if desired," the postmaster advised. "Such notes are permitted both on parcel post and on regular mail, including Christmas cards sent third-class with a 1 1/2-cent stamp."

The postmaster warned that envelopes of third-class mail may not be sealed, either by licking the flap or by closing with Christmas seals, although Christmas seals may be affixed to the back of the envelope.

Full and correct addresses are essential, and use of zone numbers helps greatly in sorting the mail for delivery. Packages must be wrapped securely with strong paper and heavy twine, and it's a good idea to repeat the address inside the outer wrappings. Christmas cards should be tied in bundles, with all envelopes facing the same way and the stamps in the same corner.

The postmaster advised that all Christmas cards and packages for out-of-state delivery should have been in the mails by December 10, and that local cards be mailed by December 15 to ensure delivery before Christmas.

13 Lettermen Return For Academy Hockey

With 11 men returning from last year's squad, and two returning lettermen from the 1945 undefeated team who have been in the Army the past two years, Andover's 1947-48 hockey season looks somewhat brighter than it did last year. Both Andover and Saint Paul's school open their seasons when they meet in Madison Square Garden, New York, Wednesday, December 17 at 3:15 p. m. in a special benefit game for the support of the Saint Paul's school summer camp for boys from large cities, one of the New Hampshire school's principal charities.

Captain Larry Lewis of Longmeadow, goalie of two years' experience, leads the returning lettermen. Walter Horne of East Williston, L. I., captain of this year's football team, is a defenseman from the last season, while Mac Dunlap of Darien, Conn. and Bill Freeman of Greenwich remain from last year's second line. Charlie Smith of Lincoln and Jack Lynch of Concord, both of whom left school for Army service in their upper-middle year, will be back in uniform once more.

Some other members of the returning squad who will probably see action are Paul Brodeur of Arlington Heights, Henry Curry of Andover, Dave Swenson of Concord, N. H., Bill Thomson of New Caanan, Conn., Alden Warner of Farmington, Conn., and Henry Wood of Chestnut Hill. Newcomers this year who show promise are Bill Breed,

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Oh yes, the deadline for out-of-State mail was last Wednesday, December 10. So if you still have a few distant friends and relatives on that Christmas card list of yours the Postmaster advises you to use airmail.

March of Dimes Aids Public Health Fields

"Through the March of Dimes the American people are offering qualified individuals an attractive future in the field of health," said Paul Gallagher, Essex county chairman of the 1948 March of Dimes, in revealing that more than 1300 scholarships and fellowship awards have been made with funds raised through this agency.

"We can't fight disease unless we have enough capable physicians, nurses, physical therapists and other essential trained professional personnel to insure every stricken person with the most modern care available," he continued.

"The entire field of medicine is being strengthened by the development of highly trained medical workers, and by contributing generously to the March of Dimes. America is building a modern army of energetic workers in the fight against all disease."

District Deputy John T. Finn, 59 Park street, North Andover, and Edward A. Doyle, grand knight of Andover Council, 1078, Knights of Columbus, will lead scores of local Knights of Columbus to the annual mid-winter conference of North Shore K. of C. officials, to be held on Sunday, December 14, in the chambers of Reading council, in Reading. In a special bulletin issued to all K. of C. councils in the area, State Deputy Francis extended an invitation to all members to participate in this sectional conference, along with the Grand Knight and District Deputy.

who played both at wing and at center for Marblehead High, Don Quinn, who was at Belmont Hill last year and Jan Ehrnberg, Swedish exchange student.

The academy team has had two practice sessions in Boston, and one short work-out on Saint Paul's ice. Two practice games with Harvard freshmen have already been scheduled, so that the team will not be entirely without practice.



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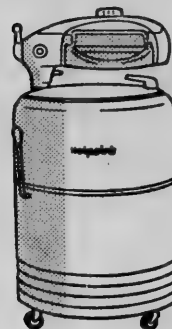
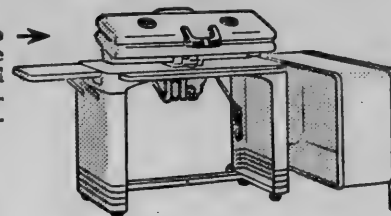
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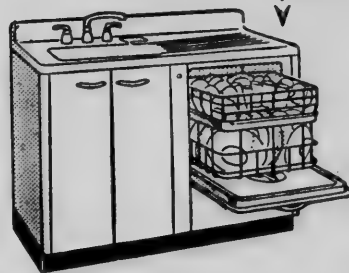
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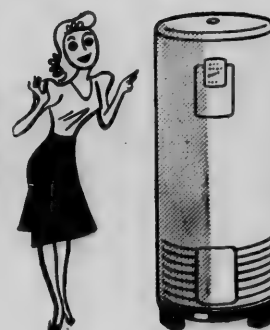


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"Unesco Seems the Peace" Subject of League Meeting

"UNESCO Serves the Peace" was the subject discussed by Dr. Isidore Amdur at the League of Women Voters luncheon, December 11, at the South church. The committee on arrangements consisted of Mrs. James H. Grew and Mrs. Harold Ratton, and presiding was Mrs. Douglas Dunbar, president. Reports from chairmen were heard, including a report from the legislative chairman, Miss Miriam Putnam, on pending legislation at the state level; publications, Mrs. George Follansbee and economic welfare, Mrs. Ralph Spector. She announced January meetings on state aid to education. An announcement was made by Mrs. Annette Curran, the new membership chairman.

Dr. Amdur first traced the history of UNESCO from the inspiration for it at the London meeting in 1944, of heads of governments and ministers of education, to start a mechanism for rehabilitating education in devastated countries. In 1945 another London meeting, sponsored by France and England, set up the organizational plans. It was only two months after Hiroshima; everybody was afraid. So the keynote became not rehabilitation but the defense of peace. In only 15 days 44 nations agreed on an organizational set-up. Here the speaker wistfully commented upon how cheering it would be if the UN General Assembly could agree on some plan in even 10 times 15 days.

The speaker then sketched briefly the parts of UNESCO's organization and their functions.

In commenting upon the role of the United States in UNESCO, Dr. Amdur pointed out that we, having suffered no devastation, have no rehabilitation problem; furthermore, our economic situation is comparatively speaking, very good. These advantages would seem to put upon us a great responsibility for aiding and supporting UNESCO activities; at the same time they give us no moral right to dictate for it policies contrary to the wishes of the majority of its member nations.

The four main items in UNESCO's program for 1947, as adopted at the first general conference in Paris in 1946, were outlined by the speaker as follows:

Given top priority, the rehabilitation of educational facilities in war-torn countries.

Second, fundamental education projects — to reduce illiteracy. Illiteracy and ignorance go together. Ignorance tends to foster

suspicion. Suspicion is a threat to peace. Moves which help to lessen these tend to strengthen the defenses of peace.

Third, education, at the highest levels, for international understanding: e.g., teacher seminars, exchange of teachers, students, research people.

Fourth, the Hylean Amazon project for study of the problems of living in an equatorial forest zone. Dr. Amdur called this "a beautiful example of nations uniting to do a job of interest to them all."

In commenting on the six-point program recommended to the American people by our National Commission for UNESCO, Dr. Amdur urged upon his listeners the importance of having UNESCO recognized as a people's organization. He said that as active members in such an organization we can, and should, take the initiative when we see constructive steps that may be taken, rather than waiting for our State Department to suggest to us how and when to act.

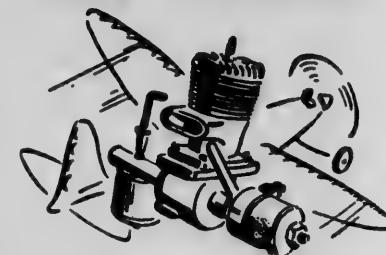
He said that UNESCO is an essentially important instrument for preserving peace. As such, it deserves the interest and support of every citizen who hates war.

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WEST PARISH...

Mrs. Robert Trott and son have returned to their home in Peoria, Ill., after spending several weeks with Mrs. Trott's mother, Mrs. George Addison of Chandler road.

Mr. and Mrs. Verj Marsoopian of Cranston, R. I., were recent guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davidson of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Muller have moved into their new home on High Plain road.

Miss Gertrude Batchelder has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending a few days at her home on Argilla road.

Mrs. Gladys Batcheller has recovered from illness which detained her at her home for the past week.

Mrs. Edward Hardy of Haggetts Pond road is spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Carruthers in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mackenzie and family have returned to their home on Haggett's Pond road after enjoying a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carpenter of Provincetown, Mass.

Seaman 2/c William Barron has returned to his station at New London, Conn., after spending the week-end at his home on Virginia road.

Tech. Sgt. Norman Parsons, who has been with a signal corps unit in Yokohama for the past year, returned to Camp Stoneman, Cal. for his discharge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Parsons of Dufton road, and has been in the Army for the past 14 months.

Miss Ebba Peterson of Greenwood road and Mr. Theodore Peterson of Pine street visited Mr. and Mrs. Albion Johnson of Norfolk on Sunday.

Woman's Union Elects

The Woman's Union of the West church met in the vestry Wednesday. A covered dish luncheon was served at 1:00. Following this the annual election of officers was held. Those elected were:

President, Mrs. John Duguid; vice-president, Mrs. Richard Williams; secretary, Mrs. Carl Stevens; treasurer, Mrs. Grant Silva; auditor, Miss Dora Ward; missionary committee, Mrs. Arthur Lewis; second mile and social action chairman, Mrs. Charles Newton; flower committee, Mrs. Leverett Putnam; neighborhood committee, Mrs. Austin Huggins.

The following were members of the nominating committee: Mrs. John Gaskill, Mrs. William Corliss, Miss Louise Kelsey.

Andover Grange Notes

The dramatic club of Andover Grange will serve a baked ham supper tonight, December 11, at 6:30 in Grange Hall. Tickets may be bought at the door. The regular meeting of the Grange will be held in Grange Hall next Tuesday

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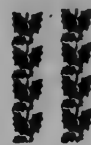
evening at 8:00. It will be in the nature of a Christmas party, and each member is asked to bring a small gift for the tree.

Sixteen members of Andover Grange attended the meeting of Friendship Pomona, 39, held on Saturday night in Bradford Grange Hall. At this time plans were made for the installation of officers, which will take place on January 3 in Bradford.

Attended Directors' Conference

Mr. Herbert P. Carter of Lowell street, president of the Merrimack Valley Guidance association, attended the New England Regional guidance conference held in the Narragansett hotel, Providence, R. I., on Friday, December 5.

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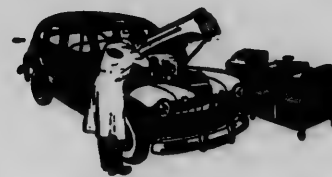
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SHAWSHEEN NEWS

Decorate That Tree

The most attractively decorated Christmas tree in Andover will win a prize in connection with Andover's Old Fashioned Christmas celebration, to be awarded by the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club. Entrants are asked to contact either Mrs. Edwin L. Bramley, Tel. 30, or Mrs. Carleton E. Shulze, Tel. 1024W.

Anyone in Andover is welcome to compete and the judges will make the rounds on Tuesday afternoon, December 23, weather permitting, to view the trees of entrants.

In case of inclement weather judging will be done on the following day, December 24.

Members of the committee of the club, Mrs. Lester M. Thompson, Mrs. Joseph W. Byrne, Mrs. Benjamin Schubert, and Mrs. Edward P. Dean, are serving as judges in the competition.

This phase in Andover's Old Fashioned Christmas is one in which everyone can participate, and it is the hope of the local committee that the townspeople will enter into the spirit of the festivities by filing their names with one of the two co-chairman.

Parent-Teachers Enjoy Full Program

The December meeting of the Shawsheen Parent-Teacher association was held on Wednesday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock in the school hall, with a Christmas program of songs and stories featured.

The business meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Phillip A. Costello, who turned the gavel over to Paul McKinnon, first vice-president, at the close of the session. Mr. McKinnon will serve as president for the balance of the year.

During the business meeting, it was voted that the grounds committee be instructed to insert an article in the town warrant asking for a further appropriation as the second step in a three-year grounds improvement program. The attendance banner was won by the third grade.

The hall was attractively decorated for the Christmas season, and appropriate refreshments were served by the fourth grade mothers, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Walter Davis and Mrs. James Faggiano, assisted by the mothers of the kindergarten children.

The Andover Male Choir gave a program of Christmas music under the direction of J. Everett Collins, accompanied at the piano by Merrill Berry, the new accompanist for the choir, who was given a special introduction by Mr. Collins. The choir sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" as their closing selection, and were called back by the applause of the audience to repeat it.

Reverend Clinton Carvell of the Trinitarian Congregational church spoke on an inspiring Christmas subject, in which he emphasized the fact that Christmas is an emotion of kindness, and that all the outer trappings, though dear to everyone, were only a small part of the true meaning of Christmas.

Shawsheen Village Woman's Club Notes

The Dramatic group of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur E. Steinert, 1 Union street, Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Members are asked to notify the hostess if they cannot attend.

Guest night at the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club on January 5th promises to be one of the most entertaining of the entire club year.

Miss Jeanne Welty will present "The Mystery of Theodosia Burr."

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Shawsheen School to Hold Party December 19

The annual Christmas program and party at the Shawsheen school will be held this year on Friday morning, December 19. School will be dismissed Tuesday noon, so that none of the youngsters will miss the Christmas parade which is one of the features on Tuesday afternoon of Andover's Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration.

All of the teachers and students in the local school are hard at work on the Christmas play, which will be held in the school hall at 9:45 a. m. Parents are invited to attend the performance. The hall has been festively decorated for the Christmas season by Mr. Flanagan, the school janitor, who has put a great deal of effort into making the school very attractive.

Bowling Scores Shawsheen Piloteers

The Devastators hold the high team single string title with 488 points in the Piloteers' bowling group, and the high team triple score is held by the Wildcats, with a 1356 score. Rowena Thompson still holds high single with 129, and high triple with 347.

The scores for Tuesday night, November 18, follow:

Singles				
M. Baillie	76	71	75	222
E. Justice	88	98	81	267
F. Naughton	76	109	79	264
K. Rex	95	83	87	265
J. Dickson	78	95	90	263

Totals ... 413 456 412 1281

Wildcats				
B. Blamire	75	86	83	244
M. Robinson	85	80	80	245
G. Driscoll	69	96	85	250
M. Young	91	103	90	284
R. Thompson	84	101	83	268

Totals ... 404 466 421 1291

Hurricanes				
N. Flaherty	93	89	76	258
E. Planchard	75	91	75	241
E. Pelletier	106	86	84	276
H. Dunlop	90	87	88	265
Average	73	73	73	219

Totals ... 437 426 396 1259

Avengers				
A. Battenbury	91	93	94	278
M. Nowell	72	94	86	252
M. Bailey	92	74	69	235
P. Calnan	74	102	91	267
D. King	88	81	77	246

Totals ... 417 444 417 1278

Liberators				
H. Caswell	85	84	85	254
M. Wilkinson	90	78	73	241
M. Lowe	89	77	85	251
Average	81	81	81	243
Average	85	85	85	255

Totals ... 430 405 409 1244

Devastators				
McKinnon	81	86	91	258
Faggiano	67	73	88	228
Declercq	72	85	84	241
Andrews	74	77	79	230
Best	81	89	97	267

Totals ... 375 410 439 1224

Piloteer scores for Tuesday, December 2, follow:

Avengers				
Battenbury	87	79	81	247
P. Calnan	88	102	89	279
M. Baillie	86	90	83	259
Average	76	76	76	228
D. King	84	99	71	254

Totals ... 421 446 400 1267

Liberators				
H. Caswell	82	78	87	247
M. Wilkinson	95	80	80	255
M. Lowe	81	89	91	261
T. Berthel	83	71	82	236
R. Maxwell	79	91	93	263

Totals ... 420 409 433 1262

Devastators				
McKinnon	77	109	80	266
Faggiano	90	81	93	264
Average	84	84	84	252
Andrews	69	103	82	254
Best	87	88	94	269

Totals ... 407 465 433 1305

Wildcats				
B. Blamire	90	86	103	279
M. Robinson	86	91	90	267
G. Driscoll	89	100	77	266
M. Young	76	79	79	234
R. Thompson	85	83	104	272

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of George A. Mellen, late of Andover in said County, deceased, and to the estate of Maude B. Mellen, former executrix. The first and final account of the executors of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To John M. Erving, individually, of Andover, in said County of Essex, Fannie E. Arundale, individually, of Westfield, in the State of New Jersey, Mary E. Lindsay and Wynne W. Jones, both of Fresno, in the State of California, and Harry B. Erving, of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

A petition has been presented to said Court by John M. Erving and said Fannie E. Arundale, executors of the will of Mary B. Erving, otherwise known as Mary Bell Erving, late of said Andover, deceased, testatrix, praying that the Court will construe the will as prayed for in said petition, and for such other and further relief as to said Court may seem proper.

If you desire to be heard thereon you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem within twenty-one days from the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation, and also file an answer or other pleading within twenty-one days thereafter.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Grace T. Learnard, otherwise known as Grace Tucker Learnard, late of Andover in said County (wife of Harry D. Learnard) deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Harry D. Learnard of Andover in said County be appointed administrator of said estate without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifteenth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John V. Phelan, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD J. WHITE, JR., Register

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Maude B. Mellen, late of Andover in said County, deceased. The executors of the will of said deceased have presented to said Court for allowance their first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1947, the return day of this citation.

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The Thursday group did not bowl on November 21, due to observance.

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D. Jolliffe	80	68	94	242
Average	81	81	81	243
E. Pelletier	84	96	76	256
H. Dunlop	107	89	80	276

Totals ... 433 424 400 1257

Spitfires				
E. Justice	77	76	88	241
M. Bailey	84	70	72	226
F. Naughton	81	114	77	272
K. Rex	98	87	85	268
N. Dickson	79	98	94	271

Totals ... 417 445 416 1278

Thursday Night Bowling Scores

The Thursday night bowling group did not bowl on Thursday, November 27, due to the holiday observance on that date.

Mildred Butler holds the high triple title as of Thursday night, November 20, in the Thursday night group of the league, with a score of 324. Marilyn Janes still retains the high single honor with her 122 score, and Bea Byrnes holds high average with a 96.7 average.

Individual and team scores for November 20 are as follows:

Navy				
G. Carr	97	103	88	288
T. Weiner	80	72	82	234
G. Allen	83	114	71	268
A. Power	75	89	84	248
I. Dyer	78	72	87	237

Totals ... 413 450 412 1275

Marines				
I. Todd	84	79	88	251
E. Dodge	82	100	84	266
I. Killilea	89	97	83	269
M. Anderson	92	109	91	292
M. Butler	104	100	88	292

Totals ... 451 485 434 1370

Army				
M. Fowler	81	93	83	257
E. McCollum	77	79	101	257
E. Freeman	92	84	87	263
B. Byrne	110	92	87	289
D. Blamire	82	87	86	

Totals ... 360 348 358 1066

Air Corps				
I. Briggs	87	79	97	263
E. Briggs	80	98	96	274
I. Proctor	96	108	108	312
M. Reilly	85	79	103	267
J. Schaberg	74	67		

Totals ... 348 364 404 1116

Coast Guard				
R. Thompson	92	69	99	260
C. Fiedler	91	100	100	291
H. Reilly	85	93	70	248
M. Janes	100	83	117	300
Dummy	80	79	78	237

Totals ... 448 424 464 1336

C. B.'s				
R. Dolan	82	86	79	247
E. Reed	82	79	82	243
H. Gerrish	80	88	101	269
L. Leighton	82	82	78	242
B. Clark	101	96	103	300

Totals ... 427 431 443 1301

Thursday Night Bowling Scores December 2

C. B.'s				
R. Dolan	86	78	81	245
E. Reed	69	100	81	250
W. Gerrish	79	105	107	291
L. Leighton	76	69	80	225
B. Clark	89	112	98	299

Totals ... 399 464 447 1310

Air Corps				
J. Dean	78	85	82	245
J. Briggs	88	81	94	263
E. Briggs	81	83	77	241
L. Proctor	88	82	70	240
M. Reilly	102	112	82	296

Totals ... 437 443 405 1285

Coast Guard				
N. Himmer	90	82	89	261
R. Thompson	85	78	92	255
C. Fiedler	106	94	113	313
H. Reilly	81	80	74	235
M. Janes	91	88	79	258

Totals ... 451 422 447 1322

Navy				
G. Carr	87	87	87	261
Dummy	81	78	74	233
G. Allen	87	96	81	264
A. Powers	81	93	98	272
I. Dyer	76	78	74	228

Totals ... 412 432 414 1258

Army				
M. Fowler	65	82	89	236
E. McCollum	71	82	87	240
E. Freeman	77	87	97	261
B. Byrne	83	84	90	257
Dummy	61	78	77	216

Totals ... 357 413 440 1210

Marines				
B. Todd	61	101	77	239
E. Dodge	92	81	79	252
I. Killilea	72	78	95	245
M. Anderson	73	84	87	244
M. Butler	97	97	91	285

Totals ... 395 441 429 1265

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transactions have been filed at the Registry of deeds in Lawrence:

Harold G. Hudson et ux to Robert P. Domingue et ux, High street.

James Irving Black et ux to David A. Forbes et ux, North Main street.

Inhabitants of Town of Andover to Wilfred D. Moriarty, High street.

Olympe Goudreau to Lea Ouellett, North street.

South Church Notes

On Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the Christmas Party for the Primary and Kindergarten grades of the Church School will be held in the Church Vestry.

On Tuesday afternoon the Junior Church Christmas Party will be held at 4 o'clock.

Sunday morning, December 14, the Junior Church Christmas Service will be held during the Church School hour at 9:30. This is always a beautiful service with special music and Christmas Greens. The Parents and friends are cordially invited to join in this Service.

Sunday Morning December 21, at the Church School hour, the Junior Church will present a Christmas Pageant entitled "Followers of the Star." The Primary Department will join in this hour. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this special Christmas observance.

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Others go to points in the Middle Atlantic cities and to Mid-Western states, and to nearby communities. School resumes after three weeks and one day, on January 7, 1948. The Christmas program is of interest to the entire community, and a cordial invitation issued by Miss Marguerite Hearsey, principal, opens the service to the public. The program will take place in Davis Hall at 7:30 on Sunday evening.

Other Christmas activities on the part of the school and faculty take up the major portion of the week-end hours. On Saturday evening, the traditional gathering of students in McKeen room while they listen to Mrs. Bertha Morgan Gray read Dickens' Christmas Carol will be carried out as usual. On Sunday evening the Christmas service takes place, and on Monday evening the school has its festive Christmas dinner with songs and fun. After dinner, Christmas carols, Old English, French, and Spanish, are sung in the Draper rooms. Early Tuesday morning, carols are resumed, the carolers going from building to building with their songs.

The program of the Sunday evening Christmas service follows:
Organ Prelude—Christmas Carols

Walter Howe

Hymn, "Adeste Fideles"
Opening Verses

Miss Hearsey

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn,

Recitation,

"The Promised Saviour"

The Fidello Society

The Holly (St. They's Carol)

The School

Recitation,

"The Light of the World"

The Senior Class

Hymn 174,

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

(with descant)

Individual Recitations

Coventry Carol

The Fidello Society

Solos by Ruth Kinney

and Sarah Hughes

Individual Recitations

The Magnificat

The Fidello Society

Recitation,

"Message of the Angels"

The Preparatory Class

Hymn, "O Holy Night"

Recitation, "The Gifts of the Magi"

The Junior Middle and

Junior Classes

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The School

Recitation,

"The Transforming Love of God"

The Senior Middle Class,
and the School in Concert
In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger

The Fidello Society

Solo by Madelon Ilney

Christmas Message

Miss Hearsey

Prayer

Hymn, "Joy to the World"

Benediction

ORGAN MUSIC

By Walter Howe

Holy Night

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Two Choral-Preludes on

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Brahms

Kreckle

Offertory on two Noels

Old French

Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)

Handel

The Abbot Christian association will entertain the youngsters of Andover, a selected group sponsored by the Red Cross, at a party in Davis Hall on Saturday afternoon. The children will play games, see a little skit on the stage, and with refreshments and a toy, they will wind up the party at 5 o'clock. On Sunday, A. C. A. will send a delegation to visit the Old Folks Home with baskets of fruit. In the meantime, C-A-R-E boxes have been sent by students and faculty, and the annual box of toys and gifts has gone to the Hindman Mission in Tennessee.

On the Saturday following the holidays, January 10, 1948, the public is invited to attend a concert of chamber music which will be furnished by a trio composed of Wolfe Wolfinson, violin; Iwan D'Archambeau, violoncello; and Kate Friskin, pianoforte. The program will be announced later.

Christmas Tea by Central P. T. A.

The Central Andover Parent Teachers Association will hold a Christmas tea for the parents of senior high school students on Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at 3:00 p. m. in the Goldsmith library.

Eugene V. Lovely, principal of Pynchard high school, will speak to the parents, and a social hour will follow, with tea being served by Mrs. Henry J. Dolan and her committee, Mrs. Justin R. Curry, and Mrs. V. Malcolm Laitinen.

Arthur L. Coleman, deputy state director of the Aircraft Warning Service in a volunteer capacity during the war, was the guest speaker at the installation and anniversary banquet of the Lynn Ground Observer Corps at the Hotel Edison in Lynn, on Sunday, December 7. The Lynn Corps has never disbanded since the cessation of hostilities, and continues to function, annually observing the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The Aircraft Warning Service was connected with the Army Air Forces, and worked a 24-hour schedule daily.

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Newest Art Gallery Exhibit Shows Mexico Art Realistic

(Courtesy of The Phillipian)

The Art Gallery this week is featuring a new series of eighteen Mexican prints, of which most are lithographs. This display is part of a series which travels among various schools, including Milton, Exeter, and Andover, stopping at each for a week or two. This interesting display was kindly lent by Mr. Russell Allen, and it gives one a good idea of the trends in Mexican art at the present day.

The actual making of the prints themselves, fine as they are, is subordinated to the thought and feeling put into the drawings. As the brief introduction to the series states, "Most of the print-makers of modern Mexico are painters first and paint-makers second. Their work in etching and lithography shows the greatest range of technical brilliance, realizing as it does the full dramatic and decorative possibilities of the media, but the present selection, varied as it may be in technique, is more interesting for the clue it affords to the larger role of the artists in the world of Art."

The prints displayed are surprising to the popular conception of Mexican art on two accounts.

First, the loud raucous colours usually associated with it are not to be found. Approximately one third of the prints are in colour, and that colour is subdued and blended softly. Also missing are the large, phlegmatic figures such as one usually associates with Mexican art. Such stylized figures seem to be diminishing, and in prints like "Men Cutting Logs on the River," by Alfredo Zalce, the influence of the more fluid American art style can be seen. Another point to notice is the relative size of the Mexican prints. Many North Americans associate Mexican pictures with the large, striking murals done by some Mexican artists, but the prints on exhibit are as small as most of our own drawings. The artists, however, are able to pack as much action and feeling into the square foot of these smaller drawings as they were in the larger canvasses and murals.

All the prints are well worth seeing, but some are more impressive than others. There are two excellent lithographs by Charlot, a Frenchman, and a surrealist piece by him entitled, "The Builder." This is the only surrealist print in the whole exhibit; obviously the trend in Mexican art is back towards nature. There is a moving lithograph by Jose Orozco, called "Grief," a forceful study of a head by Isidore Ocampo, and two rather juvenile water-colour stencils by Carlos Merida, called "Siesta" and "Native Music." Also to be noticed are a striking lithograph by Francisco Dosamantes, called "Women of Oaxaca," and a black-and-white print by Alfredo Zalce called "Potter Trampling Clay." All the prints in the collection are good, and well worth an hour's time to look at them.

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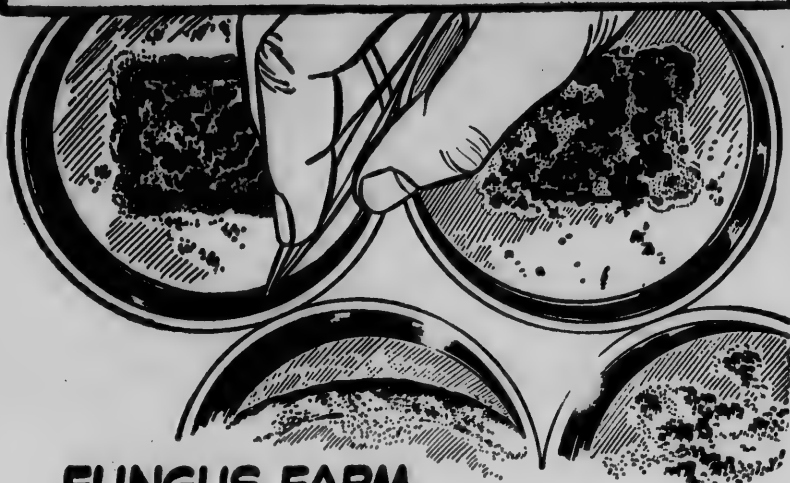


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At a special meeting of the blood committee of the American Red Cross, Andover chapter, on last Friday evening, it was decided that the visit of the Blood Bank to Andover would not be in January, as previously announced, but that local volunteers would be called upon on the 12th and 13th of April to donate the much needed blood which enables the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to carry on this essential work.

In connection with the Blood Bank coming to Andover, the decision of the State Department of Public Health to provide blood and blood products without charge to all its citizens solves these three major problems:

1. It makes possible statewide coverage, — including adequate supplies of blood for communities which do not have blood banks.

2. It makes possible mass production and economical production of blood fractions — a process so costly when it is done on a limited scale that the fractions are beyond the budgets of most patients.

3. It protects the patient whose finances will not permit heavy expenditures for transfusions. In private blood banks, the cost of the blood for a single transfusion usually ranges somewhere between \$25 and \$60. Since most patients require several transfusions (some need as many as 40) the cost of this life-saving fluid, added to the other costs of illness or injury, is often prohibitive. Now, with the assurance of free blood, doctors can feel free to use it without fear that its benefits will be cancelled by the patient's worry over how he will pay for it.

The Massachusetts plan operates in the following manner:

The state Department of Public Health directs the blood program and supervises all medical and technical procedures related to it. The blood is collected by the department's doctors and nurses, traveling all over the state in two specially equipped mobile units.

The schedule of visits for these units is planned a year in advance to cover all communities. Both units work a five-day week and each can accommodate 100 to 125 blood donors daily.

The local chapter has the responsibility for acquainting the people with the program. They recruit blood donors in advance of the bloodmobile's arrival and accept the obligation of filling the appointment schedule. They provide and prepare headquarters for the temporary blood donor center; arrange for volunteer clerical workers; for canteen services to provide blood donors with rest and refreshment; for a transportation corps and other facilities designed to ensure comfort for the donors and smooth operation for the center.

After the blood has been collected, it is shipped to the Department of Public Health's laboratory at Jamaica Plain, where it is tested for safe medical use and classified by type. Most of the blood collected is bottled as whole blood and distributed to the hospitals which have been designated as official depositories. The remainder, together with out-dated blood returned by hospitals, is processed into plasma and fractions which are available free to any doctor in the state.

The present collections aim at 1000 pints a week—not yet enough to meet the state's need for blood. Until these figures are increased and the department has built up an adequate reserve, some private blood banks will continue to operate in Massachusetts. In the hospitals in Boston proper, blood needs are still being met entirely by private facilities, for there the enormous demand for blood and the large numbers of out-of-date hospital patients would put too heavy a strain on the new state program. However, blood donors from other parts of the state are entitled to free blood even if they are patients in Boston hospitals.

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A new class will be added to the spring term. It was announced by the president, McQuade, that a limited number of places for the postgraduate course for small classes will be available to each average of about two class.

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The students who are admitted this coming term will be enabled to attend summer sessions for the next few summers in order that they may be graduated in 1951 with the students admitted last September. To provide for the enlarged student body, additional faculty members will be appointed to augment the present staff of fourteen.

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Latest fiction and non-fiction books will be available with a 24-hour service promised. Rare and out-of-print books may also be secured.

White Gift Program At Baptist Church

At the Morning Sanctuary Service of the Baptist Church on Sunday, December 14, a White Gift Program will be presented by departments of the Church School, and the Adult Choir. The program is sponsored as an Annual service by the Church School. It will be directed this year by Mrs. Carrie Birnstein and Miss Helen Thompson. During the service White Gifts will be collected, and a White Gift Offering will be taken. The White Gifts and offering will be sent to the Boston Baptist Bethel Mission. The program will also include a violin solo by Henry P. Kelley.

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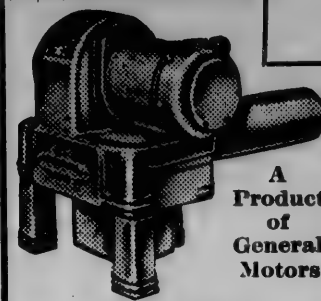
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Postoffices Open All Day Saturday

The Andover and Shawsheen postoffices will be open until 6:00 p. m. on Saturday, December 13, and Saturday, December 20, according to an announcement made by Stephen Boland, the local postmaster. The postoffice department has issued a special appeal to the public requesting the immediate deposit of all Christmas mails, Christmas cards as well as parcels. Failure to comply may mean that gifts and greetings may not be delivered by Christmas.

Postmaster Boland disclosed that it is doubtful now that all mail will be delivered on time, and there is a strong possibility that some parcels and cards will be held over for delivery after Christmas.

Parcels for delivery outside of New England should be brought to the local postoffice at once, and it is strongly recommended that they be sent either by air mail, special handling or special delivery. It might not be a bad idea to place a special delivery stamp on your local parcels as well as the regular postage.

Snow and ice are seriously affecting mail transportation. Frozen locks are slowing up mail collections, trucks, trains and planes. Postal executives cannot afford to have any congestion since the huge volume of mail handled at this time of the year demands smooth operations. This warning given by the postoffice should not be taken too lightly by the public. Businessmen who are aware of the vast load being carried by the postoffice are doing everything possible to advance all of their mail deposits. As usual, business mail and personal correspondence will take priority.

It was also suggested by the Postmaster that patrons bring their mail to the postoffice early in the morning and avoid the late afternoon business rush. It is further recommended that all cards be sent this year by first-class mail with three-cent postage affixed. This will assure delivery of thousands of cards which might otherwise go to the Dead Letter Office to be sold as waste paper, due to the fact that addressees have moved. Unsealed cards cannot be forwarded or returned.

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Dr. William V. Emmons, local optometrist, besides carrying on a busy practice and serving on the staff at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, finds time to volunteer his services to the school children. Dr. Emmons is completing his ninth year of visual survey work. Every Tuesday and Friday morning from the first of October through December he is in the schools.

Each year the pupils in the second, seventh and twelfth grades, plus any pupil referred by a teacher or the school nurse, are given a complete examination with the idea in mind of detecting those children who are developing myopia, or nearsightedness.

Many records of teachers' tests with the illiterate E charts as usually given in the schools were found to be insufficient and undesirable. The teachers themselves expressed dissatisfaction with the results, admitting that faulty procedures, such as inaccurate measurement of the 20-foot distance, poor lighting and the opportunity given the children for memorizing the charts defeated the purpose of the test.

The present examination includes:

1. Visual acuity test, each eye separately and two eyes together.
2. External examination when necessary.
3. Ophthalmoscopic examination when necessary.
4. Retinoscopic examination to determine refractive error.
5. Distance and near phoria tests to determine muscle balance.
6. Stereopsis check-up.
7. Color vision test.

Certain criteria were set up for determining the recommendations after each examination is completed. One of the following notations is made:

1. O.K.
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4. Yearly check-up.

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New Circle Leaders Announced For Free Church Women's Union

The new officers for 1948 were announced at the annual business meeting of the Free church Women's Union Wednesday evening, December 3, as well as new circle leaders for the coming year.

The meeting was conducted by the retiring president, Mrs. Alfred Lombard, with devotions in charge of Mrs. William Burnham. The new officers elected for 1948 are as follows: president, Mrs. George Adams; first vice-president, Miss Margaret Laurie; second vice-president, Mrs. Wallace Rennie; recording secretary, Mrs. Warren Sandberg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ada Powers; treasurer, Miss Grace Lake.

Nearly 100 members attended the meeting which also featured the reports of circle leaders for the past year. The organization is divided into various circles, and the following leaders made reports and turned in Circle earnings for 1947: Mrs. Belle Hamilton, Mrs. George Williams, Miss Ella Petrie, Mrs. Warren Sandberg, Miss Margaret Laurie, Miss Alice Bell, Mrs. Edmund Sorrie, Mrs. Thomas Dea, and Mrs. Thomas Gorrie.

The Union voted to give \$1300 as a gift to the church, plus \$300 toward the purchase of new tables for the dining room. Reports were also made of the missionary activities of the Union, including generous donations to Tougaloo college, to the Church World Service center in Boston, and to our missionary in Foochow, China.

Each year the members of the Union are redivided into new circles. The following ten circles were drawn at the Wednesday night meeting. Any unaffiliated women in the church are invited to join any of these circles, as all women of the church and parish are automatically in the Union.

January Circle: Mrs. Mary Fraser, Mrs. David Anderson, Miss Margaret Cargill, Mrs. Carrie Buchan, Mrs. Joshua Paine, Mrs. Lillian Buttrick, Miss Betty Barnett, Mrs. Roy Hood, Mrs. Wallace Rennie, Mrs. Alex Petrie, Mrs. Robert V. Deyermond, Mrs. Thomas Neil, Jr.

February Circle: Mrs. William Orr, Miss Jessie Fowler, Miss Mary Fowler, Mrs. Thomas W. Neil, Sr., Mrs. Helen Burnham, Mrs. Norman MacLeish, Mrs. Sadie Sullivan, Mrs. Fred Maxwell, Miss Ina Petrie, Miss Mildred Driscoll, Mrs. Minnie Nicoll, Mrs. Barbara Morrissey, Miss Margaret Morrissey, Mrs. Edwin Anderson.

March Circle: Miss Jessie Poland, Mrs. Walter Swenson, Mrs. James Foster, Mrs. Marion Moore, Mrs. Herbert Allcon, Mrs. Belle Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Lochhead, Mrs. Catherine Noyes, Mrs. Cora Davidson, Mrs. Winnie Swanton.

April Circle: Mrs. Carleton Shulze, Miss Agnes Deyermond, Mrs. Bruce Valentine, Mrs. Margaret McFarlin, Miss Alice Bell, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Miss Esther Dodge, Miss Ella Petrie, Miss Gladys Gill, Mrs. William Percy, Miss Anna White, Mrs. William Deyermond.

May Circle: Mrs. Alfred Lombard, Mrs. Alex Sherriff, Mrs. Robert Cowan, Mrs. Jean Coutts, Mrs. George Cilley, Miss Grace Lake, Mrs. Ina Jowett, Mrs. Anne Laurie, Mrs. David Lawson, Mrs. John Mooney, Miss Margaret Laurie.

June Circle: Mrs. Thomas Gorrie, Mrs. Mary Cargill, Mrs. Sidney Batchelder, Mrs. James Edgar, Mrs. Marie Souter, Mrs. Ethel Sullivan, Mrs. George Keith, Mrs. Etta Chadwick, Miss Bertha Cuthill, Mrs. Celia Derrah, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Agnes Burdett.

September Circle: Mrs. Lewis Paine, Mrs. Ada Powers, Mrs. James Napier, Mrs. Doris Black, Mrs. Alex MacKenzie, Miss Esther Batchelder, Mrs. William Faulkner, Miss Irma Beene, Mrs. Louise Cheney, Mrs. Marion Burridge.

October Circle: Mrs. Lily Harris, Mrs. Lexie Mozeen, Mrs. James Souter, Mrs. Agnes Beauchesne, Mrs. Dora O'Hara, Mrs. Warren Sandberg, Mrs. John Denholm, Mrs. Jean Wood, Mrs. Ernest Parson, Miss Annie Ramsay, Mrs. Jean Barker, Mrs. Bessie Miles, Mrs. Edwin Rose.

November Circle: Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Roger Whitcomb, Mrs. Lulu Gillespie, Miss Clara Baldwin, Mrs. Edmund Sorrie, Miss Nan Lindsay, Mrs. Lily Nairn, Mrs. Thomas Dea, Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. David MacDonald, Mrs. John Petrie.

December Circle: Mrs. Leslie Christison, Mrs. Robert Burnham, Mrs. Frances LeLacheur, Miss Jessie Kinnear, Mrs. Walter Pearson, Mrs. Levering Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Mrs. George Nicoll, Miss Jean MacLeish, Mrs. Edwin Winship, Mrs. Wilbert Welch.

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Column By Senator Allen To Appear In Townsman

A column by Philip K. Allen, state senator from the 4th Essex district, will soon appear in the Townsman with highlights of legislative sessions and pertinent local application.

The senator is at present conducting a course in the Andover Evening Study Program at Phillips academy entitled, "Your State Government", which is an introduction for a great many people to the structure and practical operation of government in the Commonwealth. Among the subjects which the senator covers in the course are taxation, public works, elections, and the relation of town and county government to state government.

The later subject, particularly the relation of town government to state government, is one which Senator Allen will develop in detail in his column in the Townsman. Comments on the passage of the various bills with particulars in relation to local application should make the new column interesting reading. The winter session of the state legislature opens on Wednesday, January 7, and an introductory column will probably appear in that week's issue of the Townsman. With the issue of January 15, Senator Allen will describe days of the session, and carry on from there with a running commentary on the workings and procedure of state government.



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November Club Notes

The next meeting of the November Club will be held on Monday, December 15, at 3 o'clock at the club. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Chester Cook, whose subject is "Christmas Decorations."

She will demonstrate the making of wreaths, swags, and table decorations.

Wilson Knipe, 1 Stratford road, is a navy initiate in the national military honorary society, The Scabbard and Blade, at Ohio State University. He is a senior member of the Naval R. O. T. C. program at the university.

Girl Scouts Initiate

Troop 41 of the Girl Scouts held a joint initiation with Troop 40 last Thursday afternoon in the lunchroom of the Johnson school. The six girls initiated into Troop 41 included Ann Staples, Marylyn Oxley, Nancy Swift, Ann Sherman, Mary McCafferty and Helen Sidebottom.

The square dance class being held Friday evening, December 12, in the West Parish vestry, sponsored by the Men's club, will be under the direction of Joe Perkins with the popular Boxford Orchestra furnishing the music.

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Garden Club To Award Prizes



As part of the Andover Old-Fashioned Christmas festival, the Andover Garden Club will again this year award prizes for the best decorated Christmas doorways of two homes in Andover. One prize will be awarded by Mrs. M. Phillips Graham, president of the Garden Club, to the winning Garden Club member. The other will be awarded by the Garden Club to the winning Andover resident who is a non-member.

The doorways are to be judged on Sunday, December 21. Those wishing to participate are requested to communicate with Mrs. Charles H. Hollis, 69 Salem street, or call Andover 495.

Suggestions to be considered as a basis for awarding the prizes are: choice of material, artistic

handling, and expression of Christmas spirit.

It will be remembered that last year's contest was received with great enthusiasm, and it is hoped that this season even more people will join in this expression of Andover's Old-Fashioned Christmas.

The committee in charge of the competition is as follows: Mrs. Charles H. Hollis, chairman Mrs. Charles W. Arnold, and Mrs. W. T. Rich, Jr.

William C. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ferguson, 64 Chestnut street, has been awarded his varsity letter in tennis at Colgate university in Hamilton, New York, at a letter award occasion, for participation in thirteen inter-collegiate sports by university athletes.

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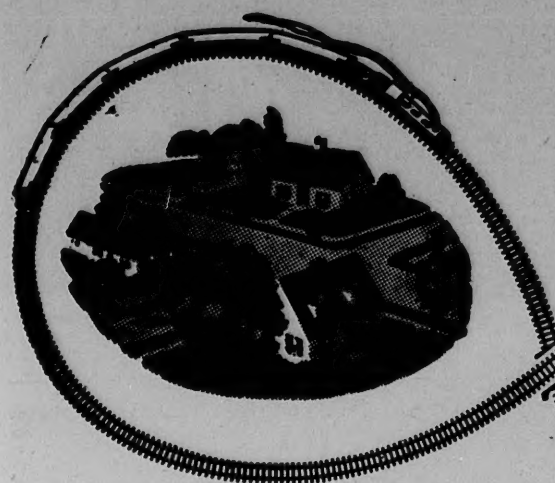
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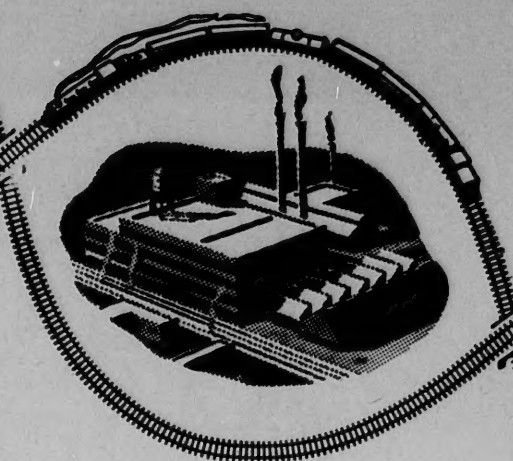
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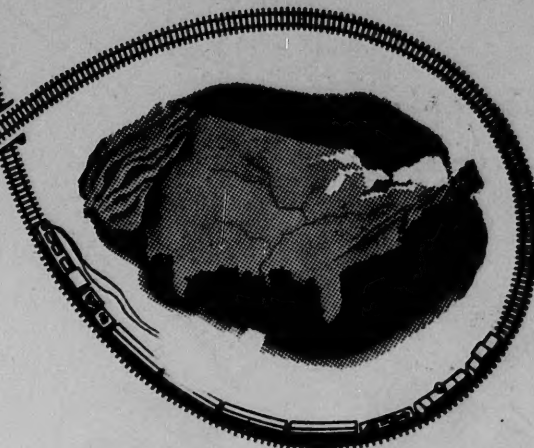
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